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Saudi-Iranian Clashes in Mecca

Saudi Version — A Saudi Interior Ministry statement carried by SPA announced that 402 people were killed and 649 were injured during clashes between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi security forces in Mecca 31 July. The dead comprised 85 Saudi security men and citizens, 275 Iranian pilgrims, and 42 pilgrims of other nationalities. The statement held the Iranians responsible for the violence, stating that they formed a "tumultuous procession" which spread "chaos and confusion," blocked streets and traffic, attempted to burn vehicles and buildings, and attacked security police with sticks, stones, and knives. Women and old men were crushed to death when the demonstrators retreated in a "chaotic push," the statement said, stressing that "none of the security forces or the public fired a single shot at any Iranian pilgrim."

A Saudi Government statement broadcast by Riyadh television denied "fabricated" Iranian accounts of the incident, stressing that the evidence of photographs and eyewitnesses proves that the Iranian demonstrators were themselves responsible for the deaths and injuries. Riyadh radio broadcast an Interior Ministry announcement warning Iranian pilgrims that Saudi security authorities have strict instructions to prevent further assemblies or demonstrations.

Iranian Reaction — Iran seeks to "uproot" the Saudi rulers in revenge for the killing of Iranian pilgrims in Mecca, Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani stated in a 2 August address broadcast by Tehran radio. Asserting that Saudi police used machineguns and CS gas in a deliberate attack on "unarmed" Iranian pilgrims, Hashemi-Rafsanjani claimed that the Saudis planned the killings at the instigation of the United States, which sought to involve Iran in a "tragic incident" because of U.S. "humiliations" in the Gulf. He warned the United States and Saudi Arabia that Iran will avenge its martyred pilgrims by killing 10 times the number of "murderers." Iran will also attempt to end Saudi control of the holy places and to remove the mineral wealth of the southern Gulf from the control of "agents of colonialism." Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati likewise told Tehran radio that Iran's revenge will be "hard" and "savage." The radio also broadcast a message by an official in the "Martyrdom" maneuvers command who warned the United States and Saudi Arabia that the Revolution Guards will take revenge "from you criminals" in the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz.

Among other Iranian reportage and reaction, the Iranian pilgrims supervisor informed Tehran radio 2 August that Iran has possession of the bodies of 38 dead pilgrims, but that 600 are still missing, many of whom may be dead or imprisoned. He stated that 4,100 Iranians were injured, 250 of whom were still in Saudi hospitals. The radio broadcast remarks by an Iranian hajj medical official who attributed most of the deaths to the use of "suffocating gas" by the Saudi police. The Iranian interior minister told his Saudi counterpart in a message carried by the radio that the Saudis must hand over the bodies of dead Iranian pilgrims as soon as possible.

Reaction in Tehran also included the takeover of the Saudi and Kuwaiti Embassies 1 August by "angry demonstrators," according to IRNA. Saudi and Kuwaiti statements, cited by Riyadh television and KUNA respectively, condemned the Iranian authorities for failing to protect the embassies, both of which were damaged. According to another Saudi statement, broadcast by Riyadh radio, the Saudi authorities cut short a visit to the Kingdom by a high-ranking Iranian delegation because the visitors failed to apologize for the behavior of Iranian pilgrims and for the takeover of the embassy in Tehran. The Saudis refused the Iranian demand to investigate the Mecca incident on the grounds that the presence of Iranian pilgrimage and embassy officials in the Kingdom is sufficient for Iran to learn what happened. An Iranian Foreign Ministry communique cited by IRNA claimed the Saudis prevented the delegation from investigating the "massacre" because they feared this would reveal the truth.

Arab Reaction — Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad expressed "regret" over the Mecca incidents in a 2 August telephone conversation with Saudi King Fahd, Damascus radio reported. According to SPA, the Syrian leader viewed the incident in Mecca as "unacceptable from any quarter." Al-Asad had earlier received visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam, who stated afterward that the Syrian president was "deeply moved" by the Mecca events and promised to ask Saudi Arabia to hand over the bodies of Iranian pilgrims to Iran, according to Radio Monte Carlo.

Clear condemnations of the Iranian pilgrims were contained in telephone calls and messages to King Fahd from Egyptian President Husni Mubarak, King Hassan II of Morocco, King Husayn of Jordan, PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat, the amirs of Kuwait and Bahrain, the YAR president, and the Sudanese State Council chairman, according to SPA. The Iraqi leadership condemned the Iranian "acts of sabotage" in Mecca and urged the Saudis to prevent Iranian "mercenaries" from performing the hajj in the future, according to a spokesman cited by INA.

However, Iran received support from Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, who informed the Iranian ambassador of his "condemnation" of the "crime" to which Iranian pilgrims were subjected, Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio reported. While Voice of Lebanon radio noted that Lebanese President Amin al-Jumayyil expressed "solidarity" with Saudi Arabia, Voice of National Resistance radio reported that Amal Movement leader Nabih Birri sent condolence cables to Iran. Lebanese Hizballah official Shaykh Subhi al-Tufayli urged Muslims to "pursue" Saudi institutions everywhere and to strike at Saudi and U.S. "agents," Voice of Lebanon disclosed. Islamic Jihad also threatened "bloody reprisals" against Saudi Arabia and the United States in a communique cited by AFP.

Iran-Iraq War

Iranian forces are in "complete control" of the highlands west of Maymak as the result of a successful ground and air offensive launched 1 August under the code-name "Nasr-6," a military

communique broadcast by Tehran radio announced. The Iraqis suffered "severe casualties and damage," including 3,500 killed and "thousands" wounded, the communique reported, noting that two Mirage warplanes and six helicopters were shot down.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced that the "Martyrdom" naval maneuvers will take place 4-6 August in the Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, and the Sea of Oman, according to a statement carried by Tehran radio 1 August. The station also cited an announcement from the IRGC naval commander that the exercises will be directed by Main Naval Headquarters No 9, which is also responsible for planning "extensive defensive operations" in the Gulf. "Thousands" of combatants and "tens of thousands" of speedboats are "fully prepared" and ready to do battle with the United States, the commander warned. In reference to the *Bridgeton* incident, the commander noted that the Gulf is too large for the United States to combat the laying of mines.

Iraq

Pursuant to a Ba'th Party Regional Command decision made on 22 July, the interior and trade ministers were relieved of their posts to devote their time to party and RCC affairs, according to a decree issued by President Saddam Husayn 2 August and broadcast on Voice of the Masses radio.

Soviet Diplomacy

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuliy Vorontsov arrived in Tehran 3 August for talks "in continuation of" consultations held in Moscow and Geneva, Tehran radio reported. The Soviet official had been received by Syrian President al-Asad the previous day, Damascus radio reported. According to TASS, their "friendly" conversation focused on the regional situation, with both sides stressing the need to decrease tension in the area.

Israel

IDF Officer Assassinated — An IDF officer was shot to death in Gaza 2 August, Jerusalem radio reported, adding that Fatah's Force-17 claimed responsibility for the murder. According to Damascus radio, the officer was the commander of the military police in the area.

Soviet Officials Depart — The heads of the Soviet consular delegation departed 30 July for "lengthy consultations" in Moscow, DAVAR reported. Israeli officials told the paper that the delegation has probably completed its work, and they described bilateral contacts as "too slow and too few."

Lebanon

Hostage Video — Islamic Jihad delivered a videotape of two French hostages to an international news agency in Beirut 31 July, Beirut radio reported. The tape was accompanied by a communique denouncing France's "aggressive" policy and alleged delays in negotiating the hostages' release.

Israeli Bombardments — Shells from Israeli gunboats caused property damage to the Port of Sidon and along the coast 2 August, Beirut radio reported. According to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon, no casualties were reported from an Israeli helicopter raid on "pro-Syrian" positions in the Hasbayya area the previous day. Israel has sent an "unequivocal message" to Amal offering to free 250 Shi'ite detainees from Al-Khiyam prison if the Israeli navigator held by Amal is released "immediately," the Israeli paper *Ha'aretz* revealed 31 July.

Presidential Adviser Murdered — Presidential adviser Muhammad Shuqayr was shot to death at his home in West Beirut 2 August, Voice of Lebanon radio announced. Radio Free Lebanon later reported that police are interrogating two suspects in the case. Meanwhile, in an effort to solve the murder of Prime Minister Rashid Karami, President al-Jumayyil ordered a "military mission" to travel to Sweden to request the extradition of suspect Elie Salibi who was detained 31 July, Beirut radio disclosed.

Palestinian Affairs

PFLP leaders meeting in Damascus 30 July stripped Bassam Abu Sharif of all his posts for allegedly taking a "personal stand" contrary to organizational policy and attending an Addis Ababa meeting between PLO leader 'Arafat and Egyptian President Mubarak, Radio Monte Carlo reported. The station later noted that Bassam Abu Sharif's denial that he attended the meeting was supported by a statement from 'Arafat adviser Nabil 'Amr.

Afghanistan

Rebel "chieftans" were invited to create governmental and military structures to administer the territory under their control and to guarantee security there, according to a message from the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council broadcast by Kabul radio 1 August. The government also pledged to help those new administrative bodies obtain the "necessary assistance" and gave the opposition an option to assume positions in local government. In other action, the Presidium approved a document providing for the formation of "local troops" drawn from tribal and other armed groups who have accepted the reconciliation policy.

On the occasion of 'Id al-Adha, the government decided to pardon all convicts who are 60 years old or more, who have a year or less to serve, or who are suffering from certain "severe diseases," according to a 2 August decree broadcast by Kabul radio.

Mubarak Contacts King Fahd Over Mecca Incidents

NC021202 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1152 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Cairo, 2 Aug (MENA) — President Husni Mubarak has expressed Egypt's support for the measures taken by Saudi Arabia to preserve its holy places and to maintain the security of the pilgrims to the holy house of God. This was contained in a telephone call which President Mubarak made to Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, custodian of the two holy mosques, at noon today. They also exchanged views on the incidents that occurred in Mecca 2 days ago.

Presidency Urges ICO Meeting

NC021626 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Statement issued by the Presidency on 2 August]

[Text] The Arab Republic of Egypt has been dismayed by the news of the bloody clash around the sacred mosque in holy Mecca during pilgrimage time. This event has seriously violated the sanctity of the first house of God, the Ka'ba of all Muslims. The shedding of Muslim blood around this place, which God made a place of meeting for men and a place of safety, has also undermined the holiness of the pilgrimage rite. This is a serious incident without precedent in the history of Islam and divine religions.

It is strange that official statements have been issued by several Iranian officials following this incident which endorse the acts of violence by Iranian elements that led to the event. These statements have also called for taking away from the pertinent Saudi establishments the authority to supervise the holy places on the pretext that they are not qualified to shoulder this responsibility.

In view of the gravity of this bloody incident and the blatant aggression against the most sacred of Islamic places; in light of the precedent it sets in threatening the security of Muslims during their performance of rites that are a tenet of Islam and in destabilizing traditions to which Muslims have been committed since the inception of their religion; and as a result of the fact that the Iranian officials' statements constitute a violation of the sovereignty of a fraternal Islamic country, Egypt urges the ICO to call an urgent and emergency summit to discuss this serious event and to contain its regrettable results.

There is nothing more important or obligatory for the Islamic nation than preserving the sanctity, sacredness, and inviolability of these places, enabling believers to perform the rites of their orthodox religion in safety and security, and laying down the bases for regulating relations among Muslims in accordance with rules which Muslims have adhered to for over 14 centuries.

Undoubtedly, all the people of the Islamic nation realize that any laxity in confronting these events will encourage the forces of evil and aggression to violate and threaten all Islamic holy places. This would also harm the image of the Islamic nation and cast doubt about the worthiness of Islam's message.

Commentary Condemns 'Ugly Crime'

NC021814 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1240 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Bahiy al-Din Shu'ayb commentary: "Iran Stains the Sanctity of the Holy Mosque With Blood"]

[Excerpts] The attack 2 days ago on the sanctity of the sacred mosque in the holy town of Mecca is unprecedented, a first since the banner of Islam was raised in the holy land.

The Iranian regime, which wears the turban of Islam, is accustomed to calling others infidels for superficial reasons which cannot be compared with the gravity of the crime it has committed. The Iranian regime has committed an ugly crime against Islam and Muslims during days on which God has forbidden his subjects to even argue among themselves.

Each pilgrimage season the Iranian regime has tried to provoke sedition and discord among Muslims. Each time the Saudi authorities have tried to contain the Iranian provocations with sweet talk and other peaceful means. However, the Iranian plot this season was wider in scope, more dangerous, and more organized than before. The Iranain regime, led by ayatollahs, schemed in a demagogic way, totally unrelated to Islam, to turn the pilgrimage season into an arena for political maneuvers.

Naturally this muscle-flexing among millions of believers indicates how low the Iranian leaders have stooped, morally and doctrinally. [passage omitted]

It is not our intention to conduct a political analysis explaining the ugly incident and throwing light on its causes. We say only that the Iranian revolution has marked itself with its own hands and exposed everything it has been plotting against Muslims and Islam. The Iranian regime is avenging itself on Islam, bent on revenging the Al-Qadisiyah battle. Any other explanation is misleading nonsense. All we can say is that attempts to answer the allegations of the Iranian regime about these incidents are a waste of time and a squandering of dignity. What the Iranians have done is considered to be a serious violation of the sanctitites of Islam and the inviolability of these holy days.

The Arab Republic of Egypt denounces such an ugly incident, which even the barbarian invaders during the dark Middle Ages did not commit. It also firmly supports any measure taken by the Saudi authorities to safeguard the sanctity of the holy places and the safety of pilgrims. [passage omitted]

Al-Azhar Mosque Issues Statement

NC021519 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Statement issued by the Al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo; date not given — passages within quotation marks are verses from the Koran]

[Excerpts] Praise be to God, and prayer and peace be with the messenger of God. Reports have been arriving about the deaths of hundreds of pilgrims in the yards of the holy Mosque as a result

of bloody and violent incidents provoked by Iranian pilgrims, who staged political demonstrations in Mecca and clashed in violent battles with other pilgrims and Saudi security forces. According to an official Saudi statement, 402 people were killed in those incidents and 649 others were wounded. The incidents also resulted in the burning and destruction of numerous cars and other property.

These incidents, attacks, and demonstrations in holy places have been forbidden by God Almighty. In the Ma'ida Sura, God Almighty says: "O ye who believe! Violate not the sanctity of the symbols of God, nor the sacred month, nor the animals brought for sacrifice, nor the garlands that mark such animals, nor the people going to the sacred house, seeking the bounty and good pleasure of their lord." He also says: "God made the Ka'ba the sacred house, an asylum of security for men, and he set aside the sacred months, the animals for offerings, and the garlands that mark them that ye may know that God hath knowledge of what is in the heavens and on earth and that God is well acquainted with all things." In the 'Ankabut Sura, God says: "Do they not then see that we have made a sanctuary secure and men are being snatched away from all around them?" In the Baqara Sura, God says: "Remember, we made the house a place of assembly for men and a place of safety." In the holy Koran there are several other suras that forbid killing and fighting in the holy Mosque. [passage omitted quoting Prophet Muhammad proscribing fighting in Mecca]

O Muslims throughout the world: The situation is grave. A wicked aggression has taken place against the sacred mosque which God has made a place of meeting for men and a place of safety. The officials of Islamic states must discharge their duty toward safeguarding the mosque; they must support this security and prove it by taking appropriate measures.

Iran has displayed ill will in violating the Islamic holy places. It has instigated rioting, killing, and fighting in a place declared sacred and safe by God. This indicates hostility to all Muslims. Theirs is no longer a war against Iraq. Iran has trampled all sanctities. This sedition is directed against the Islamic nation in its most sacred place and in a pilgrimage season attended by people from around the world. Stamp out this sedition; do not be afraid of the reproaches of hypocrites; know that you are responsible for protecting the Islamic holy places. Those who have supported the Iranian revolution must reconsider their position now that its sinful act and violation of the holy places have revealed that Iran does not obey God's orders, as spelled out in the holy book.

The holy Al-Azhar declares its rejection of what the Iranians did in Mecca. It holds the Iranian Government and leaders responsible for their violation of the holy mosque and their instigation of rioting, killing, and fighting in Mecca, the sacred town, in a sacred month, and in a season of pilgrimage rites, which are a tenet of Islam.

Al-Azhar calls on all Muslims — people and governments — to adopt a decisive stand toward these events. Make up your mind, for the situation is very serious. Islam and Muslims are being subjected to a plot hatched by this wicked group against God's sanctitites.

O Muslims, "fight them, and God will punish them by your hands, cover them with shame, help you triumph over them, and heal the breasts of believers."

Central African Republic's Psimhis Continues Visit

Mubarak Receives Kolingba Message

NC311817 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1730 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Excerpt] Cairo, 31 Jul (MENA) — President Muhammad Husni Mubarak received a message from CAR [Central African Republic] President Andre Kolingba today. This was disclosed by CAR Foreign Minister Jean Louis Psimhis following his meeting with President Mubarak during which he handed him the message.

The CAR foreign minister described the message as an expression of the solidarity, cordiality, and friendship that links the two countries. He mentioned that during the meeting he had also briefed President Mubarak on the recent constitutional changes in his country. [passage omitted]

Joint Communique Issued

NC021722 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1515 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Cairo, 2 Aug (MENA) — Egypt and the Central African Republic [CAR] have asserted that the convocation of an international conference for peace in the Middle East under UN auspices, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and with the participation of all parties concerned provides the best opportunity to achieve a peaceful, just, and viable solution to the Middle East problem.

The two countries reiterated their support for the rights of the Palestinian people, particularly the right to determine their future. They expressed their belief that just and durable peace can be established in this region only if these rights are respected and if Israel withdraws from all the territories it has occupied since 1967.

The two countries called for reciprocal and simultaneous recognition between Israel and the PLO, the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

These assertions were made in a joint communique issued today at the conclusion of meetings of the second session of the joint Egyptian-CAR committee. CAR Foreign Minister Jean Louis Psimhis led his country's delegation, while Dr Butrus Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs, led the Egyptian delegation.

The communique lauds the excellent relations between Egypt and the CAR and notes their desire to consolidate cooperation in various fields.

The two sides agreed that coordination between them is necessary to serve OAU goals and principles, to which both countries adhere strongly. They reiterated their commitment to work to strengthen the OAU, which represents the framework for collective African action and solidarity.

The two sides praised the tangible results of the UNDUGO [not further identified] group's fourth meeting, held in Kinshasa in May of this year. They agreed to cooperate closely to ensure the success of the group's fifth meeting, to be held in Bangui in 1988.

The Central African foreign minister has invited Dr Butrus Ghali to visit his country, and Dr Ghali has accepted, with the date to be fixed through diplomatic channels.

Parties Sign Agreement

NC030657 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 0500 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Excerpt] Dr Yusuf Wali, deputy prime minister, agriculture minister, and NDP secretary general, and Jean Louis Psimhis, foreign minister of the Central African Republic and secretary general of its national grouping party, signed a cooperation agreement between their respective parties last night. The agreement stipulates that both parties will exchange visits, hold consultations, and back joint party action to achieve mutual understanding between the two peoples. [passage omitted]

Psimhis Concludes Visit, Departs

NC030701 Cairo MENA in Arabic 0615 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Excerpt] Cairo, 3 Aug (MENA) — Jean Louis Psimhis, foreign minister of the Central African Republic [CAR], left Cairo this morning after a 4-day visit. While in Egypt he delivered a message to President Husni Mubarak from CAR President Andre Kolingba. [passage omitted]

Al-Baz Confers With PNC Member Sa'id Kamal

NC021138 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1118 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Cairo, 2 Aug (MENA) — Dr Usamah al-Baz, first under secretary at the Foreign Ministry and director of the President's Office for Political Affairs, met with PNC member Sa'id Kamal today. Kamal said that during the meeting they completed the discussion of the issues that President Husni Mubarak and PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat had debated in Addis Ababa. They also reviewed current developments in the Middle East, the Palestinian issue, and topics related to convening an international conference for peace in the Middle East.

PLO's Hani al-Hasan Arrives for Talks With Al-Baz

NC022134 Cairo MENA in Arabic 2112 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Cairo, 2 Aug (MENA) — Hani al-Hasan, political adviser to PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, arrived in Cairo tonight for a 1-day visit.

Following his arrival, Al-Hasan said that he will hold discussions with Dr Usamah al-Baz, first under secretary of the Foreign Ministry and director of the President's Office for Political Affairs, on developments in the Middle East and the possibility of convening an international conference for peace.

Referring to President Mubarak's meeting with Yasir 'Arafat during the recent African summit in Addis Ababa, Al-Hasan affirmed that the cloud which had overshadowed Egyptian-Palestinian relations in the past few months has dispersed. He added that he is confident that our views on all issues stem from the common bases which govern relations between Egypt and the PLO. He pointed out that current developments in the region, such as the painful incident in Mecca, call for urgent consultations with Egyptian officials.

Al-Hasan noted that he has instructions from 'Arafat to go to Mecca immediately after his visit to Egypt to discuss the regrettable incident sparked by Iranian pilgrims there.

Al-Qadhdhafi, Iranian Envoy Discuss Mecca Incident

LD020045 Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland in Arabic 2315 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] The brother leader of the revolution has received the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Great Jamahiriyah,who briefed him on the horrible carnage to which Iranian pilgrims were subjected [in Mecca].

The brother leader of the revolution expressed his deep feelings about these events and his condemnation of this crime, explaining that the holy house which Allah had wanted to be safe for his worshipers is no longer safe and that what has occurred is unprecedented. This requires that we work toward the Islamic internationalization of the house of Allah to ensure that traveling to Mecca requires no permission from anyone and that every Muslim country is responsible for the safety of its pilgrims.

JANA Reports Nation's Pilgrims in Mecca Unharmed

LD021208 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1040 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Tripoli, 2 Aug, (JANA) — JANA has learned that all Libyan Arab pilgrims in the holy land are safe and sound and in good health.

Sources in the General People's Committee for Communications and Maritime Transport have declared that the pilgrims did not suffer any harm.

Kuwaiti Report on Egyptian Relations Refuted

LD010947 Tripoli JANA in English 0756 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tripoli, Hannibal [August] 1, *Jamahiryah News Agency* — The Kuwaiti paper *'Al-Ra'y Al-'Amm'* yesterday claimed that a relaxation in relations between Great Jamahiryah and Egypt is to occur very soon.

We in Great Jamahiryah are not surprised at the sneaking of this wholly and detailed fabricated news item, for we have clearly got used to the lack of credibility of news reported by this newspaper in particular as it spread and made up many false news items as well as distorting many others.

This newspaper distorted an interview it conducted with the leader of the revolution some time ago. It attributed to the leader things which he did not say at all on the stand of Great Jamahiryah towards the Iranian revolution.

It also distorted his talk on the raising of American flags by Kuwaiti ships in the Arabian Gulf which came against the freedom and independence of Kuwait. This is as far as the lies and distortions which the paper accustomed us to are concerned.

However, as far as the report published yesterday by the paper, we would like to reiterate, in an unequivocal and clear manner as we did in the past on more than one occasion, there will be no relaxation in relations between Great Jamahiryah and the Egyptian regime unless the latter leaves, and with it Egypt, the stables of David.

And any talk of anything contrary to that would merely be a fiction to which the writer of such false reports will dance.

Further on Egypt, Algeria Ties

LD011400 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1055 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tripoli, 1 Aug (JANA) — The *Qatari News Agency* yesterday cited the Egyptian opposition newspaper *Al-Wafd Al-Misri* as saying that Egypt has approved an Algerian proposal for a high-level, joint meeting between Egyptian and Libyan officials in Algeria to discuss what the newspaper described as "unresolved problems between the two countries, efforts to narrow the gap between their views, and the opening of a new chapter in Egyptian-Libyan relations."

For our part, we wish to affirm the following points with regard to this fabricated report which was leaked:

1. We wish to confirm that there is no such thing as a Libyan-Egyptian dispute in the true sense of the word. There is an Egyptian dispute with the entire Arab nation, its rulers, and its peoples.

2. There can be no meeting or dialogue with the Egyptian regime as long as the Zionist enemy continues to disgrace Egypt's territory and dignity within view and earshot of the capitulationist and submissive regime.

3. Our dispute with the Egyptian regime and, consequently, the dispute of the entire Arab nation with that regime, will not end until the Egyptian regime has rid itelf of U.S.-Zionist hegemony.

4. As revolutionaries, we consider that Arab national duty dictates utilizing all available possibilities for saving Egypt from the U.S.-Zionist domination that has been imposed on it. We feel that the Egyptian regime, which has lost its credibility and no longer controls its fate, is not capable of saving Egypt from the shackles fettering it due to the Camp David accords. Had it been able to do so, it would have saved Egypt, its people, and its fate from U.S.-Zionist domination.

5. Involving the name of fraternal Algeria in this fabricated report is a cheap attempt to sabotage the great unionist achievement accomplished between the Great Jamahiriyah and that country. The attitude of the Algerian people and leadership is fully identical to that of the Great Jamahiriyah on the question of recognizing the Zionist and the imperialist-Zionist domination of Egypt.

6. Attempts to propagate such fabricated news can have no explanation other than to belittle our sacred causes. We would never permit anyone to treat these causes lightly, not under any excuses or pretexts.

7. The mouthpieces that disseminate false and fabricated news should stop their cheap calumny. The era of cheap calumny by foreign quarters that work against the Arab nation's interests and aspirations is now permanently finished. Our people in Egypt and elsewhere throughout the greater Arab homeland are fully aware of their path and know that their enemies are preparing for the

day when they will pounce on the thrones and seats of the capitulationist, traitorous rulers.

Algerian Labor Minister Arrives, Makes Statement

LD312110 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic 1930 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Brother Boubekeur Belcaid, Algerian minister of professional training and labor, and his accompanying delegation arrived in Tripoli this evening on a visit to the Greater Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah. In a statement to JANA on his arrival at Tripoli International Airport, Belcaid stressed that this visit should be considered as the implementation of the recommendations made by the joint Algerian-Libyan Executive Commission, which convened in Algiers. At the conclusion of his statement, he asserted: This visit will be an opportunity to bolster fruitful, brotherly cooperation in the field of economic and social integration between the Great Jamahiriyah and Algeria and to study the possibilities for exploiting economic resources in both countries to strengthen and promote historical ties between them. This is also a chance to strengthen and bolster the common will of the two brotherly peoples.

President Receives Saudi Envoy on Mecca Marches
LD021350 Tunis Domestic Service in Arabic
1100 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] President Habib Bourguiba received Ibrahim al-Sa'd al-Ibrahimi, the ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabi to Tunis, in the presence of Minister Amor Chadli, director of the Presidential Office.

Following this meeting, the Saudi ambassador issued the following statement: I had the honor of an audience with President Habib Bourguiba. His Excellency expressed his denunciation and condemnation of the marches and demonstrations carried out by a large number of Iranians in holy Mecca. These actions were disturbing to the pilgrims to God's holy house. In this context the supreme combatant entrusted me with a message for his brother, the custodian of the two holy mosques.

Sends Condolences on Incident
LD030208 Tunis Domestic Service in Arabic
2200 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Excerpts] Premier Rachid Sfar has presented his excellency, the supreme combatant President Habib Bourguiba, with a full report on his talks with Kuwaiti officials. The Kuwaiti officials had asked him to convey their affection and esteem to the great fighter for his firm and clear stands supporting fraternal Kuwait during this period when it has faced challenges and increasing threats against its security and stability. [passage omitted]

Those attending the meeting reviewed the situation in the Gulf region. President Habib Bourguiba has followed with full interest the incidents which have occurred in the holy city of Mecca as a result of the behavior and serious excesses of groups of Iranians. Such actions completely contradict the teachings of the tolerant Islamic faith.

The great fighter stressed his complete support for the steps taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states to confront these conditions. In this connection, his excellency sent a message of condolence and solidarity to the custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd Ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz.

Here is the text of his message:

Your majesty, the custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd Ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz:

We have learned with great sorrow and resentment the news of the incidents in the holy city of Mecca during the reception of pilgrims who arrived to visit the holy house of God. These pilgrims had come from the far corners of the world at a time when Muslims everywhere are praying to Almighty God with hearts full of amity and fraternal feeling. They are praying to bring the Islamic nation together and unite its ranks under the shadow of justice and good.

We denounce the acts of agitation and anarchy that caused the deaths of so many innocent victims; acts whose perpetrators, the advocates of sedition and disunity, have sought to deepen the rift between all nations and countries of the Islamic nation. These acts have no link whatsoever with the Islamic faith. This is because they are far removed from the objectives and goals of the religion of accord and amity.

We express to you the solidarity of Tunisia, its president, government, and people, with the fraternal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the crisis that has befallen it. We affirm our appreciation for the firm stand you have taken on these events that have seriously affected the security and safety of our Saudi brothers and innocent pilgrims. We pray to Almighty God to protect your country from anything that may disturb the tranquility of its life and undermine its security, stability, and strength.

[Signed] Your brother, Habib Bourguiba, president of the Tunisian Republic

Four Explosions Reported in Hotels 2 Aug
NC031147 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
1115 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] According to diplomatic sources in Tunis, four explosions took place in Tunisian hotels last night. Eleven people were wounded in the blasts, one of them seriously. Four British tourists are among the casualties.

KUWAIT

Government Protests Attack on Embassy in Tehran

LD012241 Kuwait Domestic Service in Arabic 2100 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] A responsible source at the Foreign Ministry has declared that Iranian demonstrators stormed the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran on Saturday morning, ransacking and burning the embassy's documents and tampering with its contents.

The ministry immediately got in touch with the embassy in Tehran. An unidentified person answered from within the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran, claiming that the Kuwaiti Embassy had been turned into the headquarters for the Hizballah.

After the ministry learned of the incident, it tried to get in touch with the Kuwaiti charge d'affaires in Tehran, but to no avail. After the Iranian authorities stated that the members of the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran were in a safe place, the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry urged those authorities to facilitate a telephone contact with the Kuwaiti charge d'affaires in Tehran to be sure of his safety and the safety of the other members of the embassy, or to ask any of them to get in touch with the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry. But the Iranian authorities have not complied with this request yet.

At 1300 on the same day, the Iranian charge d'affaires in Kuwait was summoned and informed by Sulaymen Majid al-Shahin, the Foreign Ministry under secretary, that the Foreign Ministry was asking him to convey Kuwait's strong protest to his government. Kuwait rejects such practices, which are incompatible with the most basic norms of international law and with the agreements determining diplomatic relations. They also run counter to the relations of neighborliness and Islamic fraternity.

The ambassadors and representatives of the GCC states were also summoned to the Foreign Ministry on Saturday evening, where they met with His Highness Shaykh al-Sabah Ahmad al-Jabir, the deputy prime minister and foreign minister. He informed them about these developments in the context of the consultations among the brothers in the GCC states with regard to such matters. The ambassadors and representatives of the permanent member states of the UN Security Council were summoned as well, in addition to the doyen of the diplomatic corps, the ambassador of sister Mauritania in Kuwait. All were all informed by the Foreign Ministry under secretary about these developments and what is compatible with their international responsibilities.

The Foreign Ministry states that Kuwait, which always gave precedence to the language of dialogue and wisdom in its relations with every country, including Iran, deeply deplores that the sanctity of the Kuwaiti diplomatic mission in Tehran was subject to such attacks with the full knowledge of the Iranian authorities. It also holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for the protection of the lives and freedom of the members of the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran. Kuwait, in light of actions undertaken by the Iranian authorities, reserves for itself all the rights resulting from the damage caused to the embassy, whose official documents were tampered with and whose belongings were burned. While the Foreign Ministry departments are continuing their efforts to ensure the release of their diplomats, the cabinet will meet today to examine the situation in the light of the latest reports in order to take the appropriate measures and stands that will preserve Kuwait's rights and status.

Cabinet Issues Statement

LD021419 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1319 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Excerpts] Kuwait, 2 August, KUNA — The cabinet expressed its firm rejection and denunciation of the wanton Iranian practices by some Iranian saboteurs who attacked the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran yesterday morning.

The cabinet, in a statement issued following its weekly session held this morning under the chairmanship of His Highness Sa'd al-'Abdallah al-Salim al-Sabah, the heir apparent and prime minister, said that the aggression against the embassy constitutes a violation of the simplest rules of international law, diplomatic conventions and agreements, and true Islamic principles.

The cabinet also expresses its deep indignation at the coincidence of this aggression with the escalation of the continuous Iranian threats to Kuwait's security and interests.

The cabinet holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for the safety and the freedom of the Kuwaiti diplomatic representatives in Tehran and for the damage caused to the embassy, whose documents and belongings were tampered with and destroyed.

Dr 'Abd al-Rahman 'Abdallah al-'Awadi, minister of public health and acting minister of state for cabinet affairs, stated that the cabinet began its meeting by approving the minutes of the past meeting. [passage omitted]

Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah, deputy prime minister and foreign minister, studied the latest developments in the aggression against the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran in light of the reports and information that have been received. Following the study of the various implications of this incident, its effects and results, the cabinet issued the following statement:

"The cabinet has studied the dimensions and developments of the incident of aggression against the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran, which was staged by Iranian saboteurs yesterday morning with the full knowledge of the Iranian official authorities. This constitutes a violation of the most basic rules of international law, diplomatic conventions and agreements, and the true Islamic principles. The cabinet also followed up the measures taken to secure the protection of the Kuwaiti diplomats. The cabinet, while expressing its deep indignation at this aggression and the simultaneous escalation of Iranian threats to Kuwait's security and interests, expresses its firm rejection and denunciation of these wanton practices. The cabinet holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for the safety of the Kuwaiti diplomatic representatives in Tehran and for the damage caused to the embassy, whose documents and belongings were tampered with and destroyed. It also calls on the Iranian authorities to enable the members of the Kuwaiti Embassy to take possession of the

embassy with all its contents and provide the necessary protection for them to let them carry on their normal duties in conformity with the customary practices."

The minister said that the cabinet has studied a number of other local issues and took appropriate measures.

Embassy Diplomats Released

LD021530 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1426 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Excerpt] Kuwait, 2 August, KUNA — Sulayman Majid al-Shahin, Foreign Ministry under secretary, today announced that the detained members of the Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran have been released.

Al-Shahin told KUNA that Kadim Ma'rifi, the Kuwaiti charge d'affaires in Tehran, and Yusuf abd Al-Rahim, a diplomat at the embassy, had been released. They had been detained following the storming of the embassy building yesterday by Iranian saboteur groups, who wreaked havoc and destruction.

KUNA has learned that Al-Shahin made a phone call to Ma'rifi and conveyed to him the greetings and best wishes of Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jabir, the deputy prime minister and foreign minister. The Foreign Ministry under secretary also voiced the Foreign Ministry's sincere appreciation for all the brotherly and friendly countries who participated to secure the safety of the two diplomats and later secure their release. [passage omitted]

SAUDI ARABIA

402 Reported Killed in Mecca as Iranians Riot

Iranians Hold 'Massive March'

LD311844 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Excerpts] Over 150 [figure as heard] Iranian pilgrims and thousands of other pilgrims held the glorious march of disavowal of the pagans in holy Mecca today. The pilgrims gathered outside the imam's mission in holy Mecca to hear the imam's message and a speech by the imam's representative. They then marched toward the mosque to hold the afternoon and evening prayers. According to our latest report, the march suffered problems as a result of the intervention of the Saudi police, who beat up the pilgrims. The following is a dispatch by our correspondent:

[Unidentified correspondent — crowd chants can be heard in the background throughout the report] Over 155,000 Iranian pilgrims to the house of the Lord, accompanied by thousands of Muslims from other Muslim countries and a large number of Saudi brothers and sisters, held a massive march this afternoon. The pilgrims chanted: God is great; There is no God but one, and Muhammad is his prophet; Death to the United States; Death to the Soviet Union; and Death to Israel. They announced their disavowal of pagans with their condemnation of the crimes of the infidels, pagans, and oppressive powers of the United States, the Soviet Union, and Israel. Today, the garrison of monotheism again heard the chant of singularity, the voice that restores the memory of early Islam.

The disavowal demonstrations were held in holy Mecca with the presence of warriors; families of the martyred, prisoners of war, and those missing in action for the Islamic revolution and the imposed war; as well as a number of members of Islamic liberation movements and revolutionary and struggling figures from Islamic countries. The demonstrations had a special glory. They set out from the imam's mission in holy Mecca at around 1630 with a reading of the important and historical message of the imam of ummah to the pilgrims to the house of the Lord. [passage omitted]

The presence of the Iraqi brothers among the marchers indicated that even though the oppressed people of Iraq are forced to use arms against their Iranian brothers at the war fronts — under the bayonets of Zionism — here at the altar of Islam they denounce the crimes of the Baghdad regime side by side with their Iranian brothers. The participation of Muslims from across the Islamic world was a message of unity and a condemnation of every collusion of the lacky leaders, and the chants calling for Islam and the disavowal of the pagans was a beautiful sound giving hope to the Muslims of the world.

The area around the imam's mission in holy Mecca was filled by the pilgrims to the house of God and those who favor the Islamic revolution. The other dimension of hajj, its political dimension, materialized and enabled all the Muslims of the world to understand the power and glory of unity. The pictures of the imam of ummah and the deputy leader, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri, as well as banners with anti-oppression slogans and also a model of holy Jerusalem gave a special feeling to the demonstrations. [passage omitted]

During the course of the march, Hojjat ol-Eslam Val Moslemin Mahdi Karrubi, the imam's representative and supervisor of the Iranian pilgrims, delivered a lengthy speech about the crimes against the oppressed nations and the need to battle against such aggressors. He said: Slogans against paganism and the disavowal of the pagans are eternal slogans. Today, if there are no stones or wooden idols, there are blood-sucking powers whose arms are covered to the shoulder with the blood of the oppressed and the deprived. He continued: These slogans are a prelude for the faithful forces around the world to unite against idolatry. [passage omitted]

He said: We announce that the Soviet Union must withdraw unconditionally from Afghanistan and leave this land in the hands of the Muslim people of Afghanistan. We disavow all those who have occupied the holy land of Palestine and all those who support the occupying regime in this holy place. We are certain that political discussions will bring nothing but dishonor. We ask the Muslim people of Lebanon to continue their heroic struggle in order to destroy the enemy, as the Muslims of Algeria and Tehran expelled the aggressors from their country. And just as the heroic Iranian nation expelled from their holy land the aggressor enemy — who had attacked the Islamic revolution with the support of the powers — by sacrificing their blood, the only road to freedom is guns, machineguns, struggle, and martyrdom. [passage omitted]

He added: We announce at the house of God that those who prepared the conditions for the presence of the United States in the Persian Gulf should realize they have dug their own graves. It is shameful for Muslims to be under the U.S. flag. Addressing the powers, he said: There is either security for everyone in the Persian Gulf or for no one. We invite the United States to do battle by the house of God. We announce that if one gun is fired in the Persian Gulf against us, not only will we turn the Persian Gulf into a U.S. graveyard, but we will also set all its interests across the world on fire at the hands of the lovers of the Islamic revolution, thus not allowing them peace.

Then, having set U.S. flags and Reagan's effigies on fire and chanting crushing slogans against those with power, the marchers set out toward the Al-Haram Mosque. I would like to add that during the disavowal of pagans march in holy Mecca today, there was an extensive presence in Saudi police and security forces. [passage omitted]

'Fierce Clashes' Reported

LD312042 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] An official source at the Ministry of the Interior has made a statement to SPA in which he said:

Many Iranian pilgrims formed into several groups after the evening prayers today around the Holy Mosque in Mecca, which the Almighty made as a haven for people and ordered that it be kept clean and secure for the believers to worship in. The source added that after a few minutes those groups joined together in a noisy procession, as a result of which the worshippers' departure for their homes was obstructed. Traffic was also hindered and suddenly came to a halt in the streets. The pilgrims and citizens who had been delayed then appealed to the Iranian pilgrims in an attempt to convince them to vacate the street and disperse the procession. The Iranian pilgrims, however, insisted on continuing their excited march, despite all the calm and peaceful attempts by other pilgrims of various nationalities and also by citizens.

This regrettably resulted in fierce clashes between the Iranians and pilgrims of various nationalities and citizens. As a result of the surge of this chaotic activity, several victims fell — men and women, pilgrims and citizens. Also, during the procession several Iranians burned cars and wounded many people. The security forces immediately intervened and were able to contain the incident, disperse the procession, and bring matters back to normal.

The source ended his statement by saying: While we announce the preliminary details of this incident with regret, we want to confirm anew the Government of Saudi Arabia's resolve to maintain order during all the rites and at the places of worship in order to enable the pilgrims to perform their worship at ease, in peace and tranquillity. The Government of Saudi Arabia has appealed repeatedly to the pilgrims to observe calm while performing their religious duty, in implementing the order of God, who said: No obscenity, moral depravity, or controversy in the pilgrimage. The security forces shall not hestitate at all in performing their duty.

Riyadh TV Shows Clashes

[Editorial Report] Riyadh Television Service in Arabic at 2118 GMT on 1 August carries 17 minutes of video footage of the 31 July clash between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi nationals and other pilgrims. This video footage is overlayed by an announcer-read Saudi Interior Ministry statement.

The video shows a number of Iranian pilgrims standing in a road carrying banners and pictures of Khomeyni and other Iranian leaders. Pilgrims are then seen marching. A man is seen standing on a balcony in a building, sending signals using a mirror reflecting sunlight. The demonstrators chant slogans in Arabic and Persian, as sirens are heard.

Khomeyni's pictures are then raised higher and tied to electricity poles in the street; demonstrators are seen atop the poles. A demonstrator shouts slogans in Persian, as those gathered repeat these slogans with arms raised a fists clenched.

The procession is again shown marching and blocking the street. A voice is heard in Persian over a loudspeaker addressing the marchers. Security personnel in dark uniforms with white helmets are then seen standing in a single line across the road. The marchers then advance close to the security personnel.

Security men are then seen engulfed in smoke, with demonstrators throwing stones at them. Demonstrators are seen carrying long sticks. There is debris on the ground, and security men are seen carrying shields for protection. Demonstrators then retreat in disorder, and an ambulance speeds away with sirens on.

The demonstrators then again advance, as the security men retreat, chased by the demonstrators. A security man is seen fleeing from demonstrators, who chase him behind a parked truck. Helmets are on the ground, being kicked by demonstrators.

A parked motorcycle is set on fire and placed under a nearby vehicle, after which a person comes and drags the motorcycle away from the vehicle. Another motorcycle is set on fire. Demonstrators are seen wearing white helmets, apparently lost by the security forces. An unoccupied vehicle is attacked with stones and sticks. Someone with a fire extinguisher tries to put out the fire on a motorcycle. Another ambulance then arrives, and injured people are carried away.

Tehran Reports on 'Massacre'

NC010627 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Report by special correspondent for the News and Information Unit of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Mecca on 31 July]

[Text] Yesterday, the city of Mecca, the city of divine deeds, was dragged into blood and dust in an unprecedented massacre. Last evening, when the glorious march for the disavowal of pagans was taking place with unsurpassed grandeur — beginning from the imam's mission and along the route earlier approved by the

Saudi authorities — the criminal Saudi police, compensating for the consecutive U.S. defeats in the region and taking revenge on the combatant Iranian nation at the behest of the United States, bore down on the ranks of the devotees of the (?house of God) with stones and specially prepared batons.

In this bestial onslaught from the front and from the heights above the route of the marchers, huge rocks were thrown down on the heads of the pilgrims to the house of God. Women, as well as other selfless members of the revolution who were at the forefront of the marchers, bore the brunt of the police's baton attacks. However, the Saudi security officials did not stop at this. They continued their dastardly deeds. When the pilgrims to the house of God were besieged on both sides of the road, the police attacked them with suffocating gas and pointblank firing, martyring numerous selfless women of the Islamic ummah. In addition, the police did not refrain from flogging the martyred with batons and [word indistinct] and continued their savage beatings.

In this heart-rending scene, old men and women, stretched out on the streets and with no way to escape the hail of fire by the U.S. mercenaries, succumbed. The intensity of this massacre of Muslims, which undoubtedly has never been witnessed before in the history of Mecca, was such that it left hundreds killed and many wounded. The God-seeking people, among whom were the imam's representative to the two holy mosques and many scholars and religious personalities of the nation, could be seen stretched out on the ground in utter desolation. This was after having made so many sacrifices for delivering the message of truth and the disavowal of pagans, as well as pledging to [words indistinct] were attacked again by the Saudi police. Some of the pilgrims, especially the strong-hearted Muslim sisters, attained martyrdom as a result of (?the blows).

Following this horrendous incident, Iranian ambulances rushed to the scene with relief personnel and aid for the wounded, also picking up the martyrs. However, the hard-hearted Saudi policemen attacked them as well, and some of the medical personnel were also martyred. At present, many of the wounded are in Saudi hospitals, but the police are preventing any visits to the wounded or the handing over of the bodies of martyrs. Further details and exact figures of those martyred or wounded will be presented in subsequent reports.

Iranian Medical Official Hurt

LD010638 Tehran IRNA in English 0633 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Mecca, Aug. 1, IRNA — Secretary General of the Iranian Red Crescent Society Dr Seyfollah Vahid Dastjerdi [name as received] was badly injured by Saudi police and was hospitalized here Friday. Dr. Dastjerdi was visiting Iranian pilgrims wounded in the Saudi police attack when he was beaten by police.

Some 200 Iranians were killed and hundreds of others wounded as Saudi police attacked participants in the 'unity rally' in Mecca Friday.

Iran Summons Saudi Envoy

LD312237 Tehran IRNA in English 2229 GMT 31 Jul 87

["Scores of Iranian Hajj Pilgrims Martyred in U.S.-Saudi Conspiracy" — IRNA headline]

[Text] Mecca, Aug. 1, IRNA — Scores of innocent Iranian pilgrims were martyred and many others wounded when the Saudi police opened fire on a peaceful unity rally by Iranian hajj pilgrims here Friday. The incident is believed to be a plot designed and carried out on the direct orders of the U.S. through its Saudi mercenaries.

Despite this horrible crime of the Saudi Government, the 'immunity from unbelievers' rally of the Iranian hajj pilgrims continued more enthusiastically to the extent that the Saudi police intimidated by the splendid march, lost control of the demonstrators who were later joined by foreign pilgrims from other Islamic states.

From the very beginning of the unity march, the provocative behaviour of the Saudi police was quite evident.

The Saudi minister of hajj and Awqaf (endowments) reportedly asked for a phone call with the Imam's hajj representative and head of the Iranian pilgrims Ayatollah Mahdi Karrubi who refused the request.

Following the incident, the Saudi charge d'affaires to Tehran was summoned to the Foreign Ministry late at night Friday and was informed of the Islamic Republic's strong protest over the inhuman Saudi crime. Iran's Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the incident and told the Saudi envoy that his government was responsible for it. The Iranian Foreign Ministry also said the perpetrators of this horrible act must be severely punished.

In related news, a spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry told IRNA that it was not acceptable for Iran to see such an "ugly and criminal reaction" by the Saudi Government towards a rally which they (the Saudis) had already been informed of. "This crime cannot be attributed to the irresponsible and unknowing reaction of a handful of Saudi police or security officers, and the Saudi Government must certainly be responsive."

Ministry Appeals to Iranians

LD011206 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 1130 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] The Saudi Ministry of the Interior today issued the following announcement:

The Ministry of the Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wishes to inform all the Iranian pilgrims in general, and those responsible for them in the Iranian pilgrimage mission in particular, that strict instructions have been reissued to the security authorities to prevent assemblies, demonstrations, or any form of procession whatsoever.

The ministry asks everyone to devote himself to the performance of the pilgrimage rites and the worship of God, and to adhere to

Islamic ethics and codes of behavior which God has ordered us to follow. They should do this for the sake of their own lives and security and so that they may complete their rites in the proper manner.

While drawing attention anew to this ban, out of care for the security of the pilgrims, the Ministry of the Interior will not show any tolerance toward those who violate God's bounds in his peaceful sanctuary and in the sacred months, and will hold them fully responsible. We pray to God to guide us all toward the right course.

Council of Ministers Statement

LD011927 Riyadh Television Service in Arabic 1830 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Announcer-read report]

[Text] King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, the custodian of the two holy mosques, chaired an emergency meeting of the Council of Ministers this afternoon, Saturday, at As Salam palace in Jeddah. Following the meeting, Minister of Information Ali al-Sha'ir explained in a statement to SPA the results of this meeting:

At the direction of the custodian of the two holy mosques, the council acquainted itself with all the security reports and photographed events of the regrettable incident that took place yesterday in holy Mecca. The council expressed its extreme regret and displeasure at the actions of a large number of Iranian pilgrims during the procession they staged after the evening prayers yesterday around the holy mosque. These actions totally contradict the teachings of the noble religion and resulted in the injury of hundreds of Muslims, Iranians who were shoved in the procession, and men and women who fell under the feet of the demonstrators during their chaotic retreat. According to audio and pictoral security reports, the victims also included other pilgrims and citizens who tried to intervene to halt the rioting and sabotage. After all exits were closed, traffic was obstructed and they stood for a long time under the burning sun.

Pictoral security and health reports confirmed that no shots were fired by any security official during the incident. The information minister added: In light of this, the council adopted a resolution to issue a clarifying statement to all the leaders and heads of the Islamic and the Arab nation. Here is its text:

In the name of God the compassionate, the merciful. The Government of Saudi Arabia, according to the security reports in its possession and in light of the photographed events it has viewed of the mob acts of some Iranian pilgrims at the courtyard of the holy mosque, would like to clarify to all that the fabricated news and allegations carried by the Iranian media against the Saudi security authorities are in contrast to reality and have no link with the truth. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims of the holy house of God saw what happened and bear witness, along with our brother compatriots, that the demonstrators themselves were responsible for the fall of the innocent victims among the pilgrims and the citizens alike.

They also heard the calls of the demonstrators for the procession to head toward the inside of the holy mosque, a matter no God-fearing Muslim would accept.

The statement adds: The leaders of the Islamic and Arab worlds know that the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, since God has honored it with serving the two holy mosques, remains completely devoted with all its material and human resources to serving the pilgrims. It is dedicated to providing the pilgrims' satisfaction, security, and safety, and providing their transportation to the holy land by air, sea, and land in the manner known and experienced by all. It has not denied to a single Muslim the pilgrimage to the house of God or inflicted on him any harm all during its history until today.

The statement adds: Regarding the pilgrims from Iran, until their revolution yesterday, the government of the Kingdom has passed no door leading to good without knocking on it, and has left no road leading to evil unblocked. It has spared no means of attempting amicable understanding or Islamic cooperation with the Iranian Government, either directly or through intermediaries. We have often overlooked their violations of our country's rules and security regulations in the past years, not because of weakness or negligence toward our duties and rights — as we are strong from siding with God, the strong and the beloved — and because of our men and our own capabilities. Our tolerance of them in many cases was due to our confidence in God and in ourselves, and above all due to our keeness for the safety of the 2 million hajj pilgrims who pay tribute to the house of God each year.

The statement concludes: The government of the Kingdom, while clarifying these facts and events to the leaders of the Arab and Islamic nations, would like to invite all leaders of pilgrimage delegations and the ambassadors from the Muslim and Arab countries accredited to the Kingdom to review the photographs of the Iranian procession. We will be satisfied with the judgment of the conscience of fair people.

Further, the sanctity of the house of God and its importance to the Muslim leaders — to their imams and ulema all over the world — provokes a duty; namely, to denounce these acts carried out by the Iranians and to deter whoever tries to harm the sanctity of the old house and of the Muslims' feelings. We beg God to uphold right, to defeat wrong, and to show us the correct way.

The information minister concluded his statement saying: The council has also issued a decision stipulating that the Interior Ministry will announce the details of the incident on radio and television later this evening.

Interior Ministry Statement

LD012202 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2104 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Jeddah, 1 Aug, SPA — The Interior Ministry has issued the following statement:

Pursuant to the Interior Ministry's announcement last night on the events concerning the Iranian procession, and to clarify the details on the mob's actual practices and the subversive acts

committed by the Iranian pilgrims yesterday afternoon, Friday, in the holy mosque courtyard, the Interior Ministry states the following:

First, Iranian pilgrims assembled and formed a tumultuous procession which spread chaos and confusion among the pilgrims of the house of God, blocked the streets and obstructed traffic, prevented the pilgrims and citizens for many hours from going about their business, and spoiled the worship of those moving toward the holy mosque and those who were inside it.

Second, when the citizens and other pilgrims whose movements were restricted because of the mob procession became impatient and tried to intervene by means of peaceful dialogue with those at the front of the procession, insisting that the procession give way to the women and children held up in their cars, the Iranians, shouting, insisted on continuing the procession. The demonstrators headed for the holy mosque and started forcefully and violently pushing the citizens who tried to prevent the continuation of the procession with their brother Muslims. At this point, the security forces — who were standing along both sides of the procession's path, trying to prevent the citizens and other pilgrims from clashing with the Iranian demonstrators out of concern for their safety — were attacked by the demonstrators with the sticks, knives, and stones they were carrying. At this point, orders were issued to the concerned security authorities to immediately stop the procession, disperse the demonstrators, and normalize the situation.

Third, the demonstrators then retreated in a chaotic push in which dozens of women in the middle of the procession fell under the demonstrators' feet. Dozens of aged men, who were forced into this criminal act, also fell. Moments later, the security men and the public mixed with the demonstrators, who started to burn cars and motorcycles and to destroy security vehicles and private vehicles. They attempted to destroy some buildings by setting them on fire, but were prevented by civil defense personnel. The security personnel were able to contain the incident, disperse the demonstrators, and reopen the streets to the pilgrims of the house of God and the public.

Fourth, security reports and video footage prove that none of the security forces or the public fired a single shot at any Iranian pilgrim. They prove, in fact, that a number of security men and members of the general public were stabbed in their stomachs and chests with knives the Iranians were hiding under their clothes.

Fifth, the number of deaths resulting from these Iranian mob acts is, we greatly regret, 402 persons: 85 Saudi security men and citizens, 42 pilgrims of various nationalities who confronted the procession, and 275 demonstrating Iranian pilgrims, mostly women.

The number of injured according to figures from hospitals and the Health Ministry statements was 649 persons: 145 Saudi security men and citizens, 201 pilgrims of the house of God, and 303 Iranians.

Damage to vehicles and equipment is as follows: Three cars and three motorcycles belonging to the security forces were burned, and dozens of cars belonging to the security forces, the public, and to the pilgrims were destroyed.

The Interior Ministry announces the details of this incident with all precision and objectivity. It reiterates its warning to anyone who attempts to violate the security rules or to trespass the Islamic morals of the two holy places concerning the ritual rites or during their performance. We also reassure the pilgrims that we will use all the resources we have to provide for their safety and comfort. We pray to God to preserve security and stability for this country and its people.

Iranian Delegation Rebuffed

LD020742 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 0600 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] A responsible Saudi source has stated to the *Saudi Press Agency* (SPA) that the Iranian Government had requested the dispatch of a high-ranking Iranian delegation to visit the Kingdom, which welcomed the visit.

The source added that the Kingdom had hoped that the purpose of the visit was to express the Iranian Government's apology for the actions which some Iranian pilgrims during the demonstration on Friday 6-12-1407 of the Hegira [31 July 1987], and the treacherous attack against the embassy of the servant of the two holy mosques by some sabboteurs in Tehran. However, when we received this delegation, it transpired that the purpose of this official delegation was not to offer an apology for what has happened or seek to rectify relations between the Kingdom and Iran. Rather, the purpose was confined to investigate matters which affect the security of this country and the pilgrims to the house of God and detract from the Kingdom's sovereignty and prestige.

The source added that the officials explained to members of the Iranian delegation that if the purpose of the visit was investigation, then we could not permit the continuation of the visit. It was our conviction that the presence of the chief of the Iranian pilgrimage mission and the Iranian Embassy were sufficient to inform all those who wish to know on matters pertaining to the incident.

The source said that the Iranian delegation refused to accept our offer, and the matter ended with the delegation's return to its country.

Iran Demands Pilgrims' Bodies

LD022314 Tehran IRNA in English 1624 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 2, IRNA — Most of the martyrs of Friday's "unity rally" in Mecca include elderly people and women who were attacked by Saudi Arabian police using machine guns and suffocating gas, announced Iran's Charge d'Affaires in Saudi Arabia Mohammad Hoseyn Tarami-Rad in his meeting with that country's deputy foreign minister Saturday.

The Iranian diplomat also said that Imam Khomeyni's hajj representative Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahdi Karrubi has insisted the

Muslims demonstrated peacefully, adding "the demonstrators never possessed rocks or clubs" as alleged by the Saudi regime.

Tarami-Rad demanded at the meeting that the bodies of martyrs be immediately handed over to Iranian officials to be transferred to the Islamic Republic. "We do not permit that even a single martyr be buried in Saudi Arabia," he emphasised.

All wounded Iranians hospitalized in Saudi Arabian hospitals should be delivered to medical centers of the Islamic Republic, said the Iranian official.

Leaders Contact King Fahd After Mecca Violence

King Hassan II, King Husayn

LD020037 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2225 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Jeddah, 1 August (SPA) — The custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, today received telephone calls from His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco, His Majesty King Husayn of Jordan, and His Excellency President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih, president of the YAR.

The three leaders expressed to their brother the custodian of the two holy mosques their condemnation of the practices and abuses undertaken around the Grand Mosque on Friday [31 July] by some Iranian pilgrims. They also expressed their grief at the acts of violence and the violation of the dignity and safety of the pilgrims, asserting that their countries stand by the Kingdom and stressing their eagerness to preserve the sanctity of the holy places.

The custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, also reassured them about the restoration of calm and the Kingdom's determination to continue fulfilling its role of protecting the pilgrims so they can perform their rites in peace and tranquillity, with God's help.

Al-Asad, Mubarak, Others

LD021452 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1045 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Jeddah, 2 Jul, SPA — The custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz Al Sa'ud, this morning received a telephone call from his brother His Excellency Hafiz al-Asad, president of the Syrian Arab Republic.

His Excellency Hafiz al-Asad expressed his regret over what happened in holy Mecca and described it as unacceptable from any quarter because it harms the pilgrims to the house of God and the holy places.

King Fahd put his brother Hafiz Al-Asad's mind at rest concerning the stability of affairs and the safety of the pilgrims.

The custodian of the two holy mosques also received a telephone call from his brother His Highness Shaykh Jabir al-Ahmad al-Sabah, the amir of Kuwait, in which his highness expressed to the custodian of the two holy mosques his condemnation and denuncation of what the Iranian pilgrims undertook in holy Mecca last Friday afternoon during a demagogic demonstration.

His Highness Shaykh Jabir stressed that Kuwait and its amir, government, and people, with all their resources and capabilities, stands beside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

King Fahd put his brother His Highness Shaykh Jabir al-Ahmad's mind at rest concerning security and said that matters are taking their normal course.

The king also received a telephone call from Shaykh 'Isa ibn Salman Al Khalifah, the amir of Bahrain, in which he expressed his denunciation of the acts of violence committed against the pilgrims and the santity of the holy places last Friday by some Iranian pilgrims.

King Fahd reassured his brother Shaykh 'Isa that the conditions were stable and affirmed the Kingdom's determination to shoulder its responsibilities and duties toward the pilgrims.

The custodian of the two holy mosques received a fourth telephone contact, from the president of the Sudanese Council of State, Ahmed Ali al-Mirghani. He expressed his complete indignation at the crimes committed by some Iranian against the pilgrims and the citizens alike and affirmed that Sudan stands by the Kingdom against all acts harmful to the pilgrims and to the security of Saudi Arabia.

The custodian of the two holy mosques expressed his gratitude for this support and said that the situation was very normal and that the Kingdom was continuing its mission of serving the security of the pilgrims and ensuring their safety and comfort.

The custodian of the two holy mosques also received a telephone contact from his brother His Excellency President Muhammad Husni Mubarak, president of the Arab Republic of Egypt, who conveyed to his brother King Fahd the denunciation and condemnation by the Egyptian president, government, and people of the criminal events committed by the demagogic Iranian procession around the house of God last Friday.

President Mubarak praised the continuing Islamic role played by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in providing all care, attention, security, and hospitality for the the pilgrims. President Mubarak said that the performance of these tasks reflects the Kingdom's constant care for ensuring the safety of the pilgrims and providing care for them.

King Fahd reassured his brother President Muhammad Husni Mubarak that things are proceeding according to plan, enabling the pilgrims, God willing, to perform the rites of their holy duty of pilgrimage in a perfect manner.

PLO's Yasir 'Arafat

LD022325 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1630 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Jeddah, 2 Aug (SPA) — The custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, has received the following message from Yasir 'Arafat, chairman of the PLO's Executive

Committee and commander in chief of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution:

To the custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz:

In my own name and on behalf of my brothers in the PLO's Executive Committee and on behalf of the Palestinian people and the Palestinian fighters, I send to the custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, and to the fraternal Saudi people my sincere wishes on the occasion of these blessed days, that is the holy days of pilgrimage, which were unfortunately marred by these sad and regrettable incidents caused by some pilgrims who disregarded the sacredness of these blessed days. However, I am confident that the wisdom of the custodian of the two holy mosques and your great concern for everything affecting the Muslims and the Muslim pilgrims will make it possible, with God's help, to overcome what has happened, owing to your well known indulgence and affection for all the Muslims.

These regrettable incidents and those people behind them will not have any influence on the stance of the custodian of the two holy mosques and his wisdom and magnanimity, nor will they affect the stance of the Kingdom and its fraternal people in their welcome for the pilgrims.

May God give you success and guide your steps for the well-being of our Islamic nation on the path of right and enlightenment.

Best wishes for the year and may the Kingdom and its people live in peace and tranquillity under your wise, faithful, and sensible leadership.

[Signed] Yasir 'Arafat

Lebanon's Al-Jumayyil

LD030059 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2350 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Jeddah, 2 August (SPA) — The custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, has received a telephone call from Lebanese President His Excellency Amin al-Jumayyil.

During the telephone conversation, his excellency expressed his and all Lebanon's strong condemnation and denunciation of the demagogic acts during the Iranian march outside the grand holy mosque on Friday [31 July] which harmed the peaceful worshippers praying in the holy city of Mecca.

His Excellency President Amin al-Jumayyil affirmed the solidarity of Lebanon's president, government, and people with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which has been and is still linked with Lebanon by the noblest stands.

The custodian of the two holy mosques reassured the Lebanese president on the security in the country and explained, may God protect him, that the Kingdom's government is shouldering its responsibilities to the guests of God in the best way hoped for by sincere men.

Arab League's Klibi

LD030124 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2355 GMT 2 Aug 87

["Text" of message from Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi to King Fahd on the 31 July Mecca incident]

[Text] Jeddah, 2 August (SPA) — Here is the text of a message from the secretary general of the Arab League to the custodian of the two holy mosques:

The custodian of the two holy mosques, King Fahd Ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz.

The death of a considerable number of victims in the courtyard of the sacred house of God — for whose souls we beg God for mercy and forgiveness — as a result of behavior flouting the ethics of the pilgrimage and the values of the tolerant Islamic faith gives rise to repugnance and regret.

We salute your wisdom and adroitness in tackling the provocative and irresponsible acts that brought this tragedy, which was an affront to the principles of our great religion, to the holiness of this blessed occasion, and to the feelings of the Islamic nation in our countries.

We also express our people's profound appreciation for the way you personally, and your honorable government, have always worked, to the point of direct supervision over affairs of visitors to the sacred house of God, to provide them all — without exception — assistance and aid, simultaneously taking into consideration their noble and fraternal religious feelings. Those noble efforts are greatly appreciated by all Muslims, to protect the kingdom from every evil and to keep it an oasis of peace and security for all Muslims.

Chedli Klibi, Arab League secretary general.

Libya Expresses Regret

LD030048 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2200 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Jeddah, 2 August (SPA) — Libya has expressed its regret over the incidents in the holy city of Mecca on Friday [31 July]. This emerged during a meeting last night between 'Umran Hammudah, member of the people's bureau for external liaison, and the acting charge d'affaires of the kingdom's embassy in Tripoli.

Mr 'Umran Hammaudah hoped that God will facilitate the performance of pilgrimage rites in the way God Almighty commanded, and that He would accept the pilgrimage and prayers by pilgrims to God's holy house.

'Storming' of Embassy in Tehran Condemned

LD011944 Riyadh Television Service in Arabic 1837 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] A responsible source at the Foreign Ministry has announced that the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia declares its strong condemnation and denunciation of the

storming, sabotage, and savagery to which the Embassy of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in Tehran was subjected by Iranian saboteur elements, and the completely unjustified criminal attack which resulted on embassy staff and property and the ensuing serious damage.

It especially condemns the standpoint of the Iranian security authorities, with whose full knowledge the incident took place, and who made no attempt to intervene in order to prevent the saboteurs from carrying out their aggression.

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia believes that what happened is against all conventions and charters and is completely incompatible with Islamic morals and diplomatic conventions. The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia calls on the Iranian authorities to intervene immediately for the release of the four members of the embassy staff who were savagely attacked, and for those detained and kidnapped.

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia holds the Iranian authorities responsible for the protection and safety of the embassy and all its members and for the speedy evacuation of the embassy by those who stormed it and the saboteurs.

Increase of 12 Percent in Number of Pilgrims

LD021716 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1445 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Jeddah, 2 Aug (SPA) — The number of pilgrims coming from abroad this year has reached 960,386 persons, representing 123 countries worldwide. They include 568,615 males and 391,771 females, thus registering an increase over last year of 103,668 pilgrims — approximately 12 percent. This was stated in a cable sent by the director general of passports to His Highness Prince Nayif ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, interior minister and chairman of the Pilgrimage Higher Committee.

The entry of pilgrims this year through air, land, and sea ports was as follows: 694,286 pilgrims came by air, 224,515 pilgrims came by land, and 41,585 pilgrims came by sea.

'Western' Minesweepers Said on Way to Gulf

LD020947 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 0800 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] An informed source in the British capital has stated that a number of Western minesweepers are on their way to the Arab Gulf to help in the removal of mines planted in the international route of tankers, particularly those proceeding to Kuwaiti ports.

The source pointed out that these minesweepers will operate alongside the U.S. minesweepers which have already begun their clearing of the area.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

'Arafat Meets With President, Defense Minister

JN011810 Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic 1600 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Brother Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat], PLO Executive Committee chairman and commander in chief of the Palestinian Revolution Forces, this morning met with Shaykh Muhammad ibn Rashid al-Maktum, UAE defense minister. During the meeting, they discussed a number of issues related to the Palestine question, the current situation in the Gulf region, and convening the international Mideast peace conference.

Brother Abu 'Ammar met yesterday evening with Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan, the UAE president. During the meeting, they discussed the latest developmetns of the Palestine question, and Brother Abu 'Ammar also apprised His Highness Shaykh Zayid of the current developments on the Arab and international levels. Brother Abu 'Ammar also briefed Shaykh Zayid on the barbaric war of extermination being waged by the Zionist occupation forces against our Palestinian people inside the occupied homeland, and especially in Lebanon's camps, in light of the dangerous military escalation staged by the enemy against our people's camps in southern Lebanon. Shaykh Zayid reiterated to Brother Abu 'Ammar the UAE's principled stands in support of our people's nationalist struggle to regain their national rights, especially their right to establish their independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital under the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The meeting also tackled the situation of the Palestinian community in the fraternal UAE and the care extended by Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan to the sons of the Palestinian community there.

Brother Abu 'Ammar also met with Shaykh Khalifah ibn Zayid, UAE heir apparent and deputy commander in chief of the UAE Armed Forces, in Abu Dhabi last night. During the meeting, they reviewed the situation in the region, the current developments in the Palestinian arena, and the current international arena, especially the Iraq-Iran war.

Awqaf Minister Praises Saudi Antiriot Measures

JN012018 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1945 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Mecca, 1 Aug (INA) — 'Abdallah Fadil, minister of Awqaf and religious affairs and head of the higher pilgrimage mission, has praised the measures taken by the Saudi authorities against the Iranians who came to Mecca to riot in violation of Islamic principles.

In a cable to Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, 'Abdallah Fadil asserted that the Iranians' action yesterday, Friday, only reflects evil intentions and malicious aims against Islam.

In a similar cable to Shaykh 'Abd al-Wahhab 'Abd al-Wasi', Saudi minister of pilgrimage affairs and religious trusts, the Iraqi minister expressed his full solidarity and that of all Iraqi pilgrims with the Saudi Arabian brothers. He voiced support for all the wise measures taken to provide security and tranquility in facilitating the performance of Islamic rituals. He also praised the services Saudi Arabia has extended to pilgrims, as well as the security measures it has taken against those who violate Islam and those who try to foment evil and sedition among Muslim ranks.

President Chairs RCC Meeting on UN Resolution

JN011710 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1620 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Baghdad, 1 Aug (INA) — President Saddam Husayn chaired an RCC meeting this morning. Following the meeting, an RCC spokesman reported that the Council had reviewed the outcome of the foreign minister's talks with the UN secretary general to follow up the implementation of Security Council Resolution No 598 for 1987, as well as the outcome of his talks in Washington and Paris and with the Soviet first deputy foreign minister in Baghdad. The Council then comprehensively evaluated the stands of these nations, current regional developments, and the internadional situation in general.

The spokesman asserted that the RCC believes that the declared Iranian stand during the 10 days following the issuance of the Security Council resolution confirms beyond any doubt that the Iranian regime has rejected the Security Council resolution and defied the international community's will. The pillars of the Iranian regime — Khomeyni, Khamene'i, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, and others — have continued their rabid statements and calls for continuing the war and aggression against Iraq and the Arab Gulf states. They have also continued their impudent threats to regional security and stability. Moreover, the Iranian regime has continued its aggressive military operations against Iraq, including the shelling of Iraqi residential areas, cities, and villages.

The spokesman affirmed Iraq's belief that the Security Council, especially its five permanent members, should accurately evaluate the situation, agree on a proper conclusion without hesitation, and then move on to the next stage; namely, imposing sanctions against the Iranian regime as stipulated in the UN Charter in view of its rejection of the Security Council resolution and its defiance of the international community's will. The spokesman added that current conditions confirm Iraq's sincere desire to achieve a just and honorable peace and its responsible stance on regional security and stability. Also confirmed are the Iranian regime's aggressiveness and its insistence on continuing the war and threatening regional security and stability. This stage accordingly demands more solidarity with Iraq from friends and brothers. This stage also demands a clear and frank stand on the aggressor regime in Tehran. It necessitates a more responsible stand by the international community to end this renegade regime's aggression and terrorism.

The spokesman said that the RCC had also discussed the acts of sabotage carried out by the Iranian regime's mercenaries in the holy land. It denounced the exploitation of both the pilgrimage season and this sacred Muslim occasion by the Iranian regime's agents who create unrest. This unrest conflicts with the ethics, values, and traditions of Muslims. It confirms that the Iranian regime and its followers are alien to Islam and Muslims, and that they are even enemies of the Islamic religion. This makes it necessary to reconsider permitting the Iranian regime's mercenaries to be present in the holy land. One who visits the holy mosque on pilgrimage does not behave like these aliens to Islam. Because of this, they must not be permitted to visit the holy land or to exploit the pilgrimage season for aggression or sabotage.

The RCC urged the adoption of a clear Islamic and Arab stand toward the Iranian regime's acts of sabotage. The RCC voiced Iraq's strong solidarity with the Saudi Arabian brothers on the measures taken by the Saudi authorities to preserve the pilgrims' safety and the pilgrimage's sanctity, as well as to maintain Saudi Arabia's security and stability.

The RCC also vehemently denounced the premeditated attacks by the Iranian regime's henchmen against the Saudi and Kuwaiti Embassies in Tehran. This conduct reminds us of the aggressive acts by the regime's henchmen against our embassy in Tehran and against the Iraqi Consulate in Al-Muhammarah [Khorramshahr] in 1979 and 1980 — acts that were a prelude to the scheme of aggression and war against Iraq. Iran's conduct presents a further proof that its regime violates all rules of international law and conduct. This requires the adoption of a firm stand against the Iranian regime on the Arab, Islamic, and international levels.

Interior, Trade Ministers Relieved of Posts

JN021743 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 1700 GMT 2 Aug 87

["Text" of a Republican decree issued by President Saddam Husayn in Baghdad on 2 August]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

In accordance with decisions approved by the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party Regional Command in its meeting on 22 July 1987 that Comrades Sa'dun Shakir Mahmud and Hasan 'Ali Nassar, members of the Regional Command and the RCC, will devote their time to party and RCC affairs, in accordance with Ba'th Party traditions, and on the basis of the provisions of paragraph D, Article 58, of the Constitution, we decree the following:

Both Minister of Interior Sa'dun Shakir and Minister of Trade Hasan 'Ali Nassar shall be relieved of their ministerial posts. The ministers will implement this decree.

Drafted in Baghdad on 2 August 1987.

[Signed] Saddam Husayn, president of the Republic

Gulf War Battlefront Reportage Continues

Communique No 2,762 Issued

JN311527 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 1600 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Communique No 2,762 issued by the Armed Forces General Command on 31 July 1987]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Our triumphant forces continued their glorious defense of beloved Iraq, inflicting further losses on our country's enemies with the following combat activities for last night and today:

1. The planes of our heroic Air Force carried out daring raids and 28 combat missions against enemy units, causing enemy losses in personnel, equipment, and weapons. They then returned safely to base, praise be to God.

2. Our units in the III Army Corps sector east of Al-Basrah fired at enemy units opposite them, killing three scoundrels, wounding others, and destroying several infantry positions.

One of our patrols in the same sector seized two medium machineguns, two Kalashnikovs, and a 60-mm mortar that the enemy had abandoned.

3. Six infantry positions were destroyed and their personnel killed or wounded, an ammunition dump was detonated, and a 30-mm launcher was seized in the I Army Corps northern sector.

4. A scoundrel was killed and several sources of fire were silenced in the IV Army Corps sector east of Maysan.

5. Using long-range artillery, the rancorous enemy shelled residential areas in the environs of the city of Basra, damaging civilian property.

[Signed] The Armed Forces General Command, 31 July 1987

Helicopter Denied Downed 2 Aug

JN030800 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0745 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] Baghdad, 3 Aug (INA) — Iraq has denied Iranian claims of downing an Iraqi helicopter yesterday afternoon. In a statement to INA today, an Iraqi military spokesman declared that all aircraft carrying out battlefront missions had returned safely to base.

Communique No 2,763 Issued

JN011721 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 1600 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Communique No 2,763 issued by the Armed Forces General Command on 1 August 1987]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Our brave Armed Forces are continuing to destroy the pillars of aggression and to confront its remnants. Due to the determination of our proud men and their distinguished sacrifices at the battlefronts, they are inflicting further losses on the enemy. A roundup of our units' activities for last night and today follows:

1. Our heroic Air Force continued its courageous activities against enemy units. Today, our Air Force carried out 106 combat missions, inflicting heavy losses on the Zionist aggressors. Our aircraft then returned safely to base, praise be to God.

2. To inflict further destruction on the ignorant enemy, our bold helicopter gunships carried out 90 combat missions. They inflicted death on enemy troop concentrations and destruction on enemy equipment and weapons. Our helicopter gunships then returned safely to base, praise be to God.

3. Four enemy soldiers were killed, a vehicle and two infantry positions were destroyed, and an ammunition dump was detonated in the I Army Corps northern sector. In another area of this sector, one of our patrols took possession of two medium machineguns, an RPG-7 launcher, a Kalashnikov rifle, and a radio set.

4. A resolute force of our heroic fighters in the II Army Corps central sector launched a successful raid on enemy units opposite themselves, destroying the enemy positions and killing the scoundrels posted there. Our force then returned safely to base. Three enemy soldiers were killed, two ammunition dumps were blown up, and a heavy machinegun position was destroyed in another area of the sector.

5. An ammunition dump was detonated and a rocket launcher, two large vehicles, and an infantry position were destroyed in the VI Army Corps sector east of the Tigris.

6. An infantry position and an enemy observation post were destroyed and their occupants killed, and a large vehicle was set on fire in the III Army Corps sector east of Al-Basrah.

7. Two scoundrels were killed and a heavy machinegun was destroyed in the IV Army Corps sector east of Maysan.

8. One 60-mm mortar and one 106-mm antitank gun were destroyed and their crewmen were killed in the VII Army Corps sector.

9. Using long-range artillery, the unjust Khomeyniite clique shelled the (Bimalik) residential complex in the village of Qal'at Dizah. The shelling martyred one child and injured nine civilians,

including two children. Mercy to the martyr and may our wounded have a speedy recovery, God willing.

[Signed] The Armed Forces General Command, 1 August 1987

Communique No 2,764 Issued
JN021644 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic
1600 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Communique No 2,764 issued by the Armed Forces General Command on 2 August]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. With the courage of men who are faithful to their homeland and who care for their people's dignity and the revolution's achievements, our victorious forces have continued their heroic combat activities on the various battlefronts. The following is a roundup of these activities for last night and today:

1. Our courageous helicopter gunship knights conducted a series of successful raids against enemy units in the operational sector. During 68 combat missions, they inflicted on the Iranian charlatans losses in scoundrels, equipment, and weapons and demolished their positions. Following the completion of their missions, our knights returned safely to base, praise be to God.

2. Our units in the VI Army Corps sector east of the Tigris pounded a formation of enemy soldiers, killing five of them and wounding others. They also set fire to and destroyed a shovel [preceding word in English], two vehicles, and an infantry position.

3. Two enemy soldiers were killed in the I Army Corps northern sector. Two infantry positions were also destroyed, a vehicle was damaged, and one SPG-9 gun and two rifles were seized.

4. Three infantry positions were destroyed and their occupants killed, an ammunition dump was detonated, and the enemy's engineering efforts were stopped in the III Army Corps sector east of Al-Basrah.

5. One of our units in the IV Army Corps sector east of Maysan pounded an enemy formation, killing or wounding a number of its forces and forcing the remainder to flee. An enemy observation post was destroyed elsewhere in the sector.

[Signed] The Armed Forces General Command, 2 August 1987

Saddam Husayn Chairs Military Command Meeting
JN022024 Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic
2000 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Field Marshal President Saddam Husayn, commander in chief of the Armed Forces, has chaired a meeting of the Armed Forces General Command. The meeting was attended by Staff General 'Adnan Khayrallah, deputy commander in chief of the Armed Forces and minister of defense; Comrade 'Ali Hasan al-Majid, member of the Ba'th Party Regional Command; Latif Nusayyif Jasim, minister of culture and information; Staff General 'Abd al-Jabbar Shanshal, minister of state for military affairs; and the president's secretary.

Shamir To Make Official Visit to Romania 'Soon'

TA311833 Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew 1715 GMT 31 jul 87

[Text] Prime Minister Mr Yitzhaq Shamir will depart on an official visit to Romania soon. The visit will be held at the invitation of President Nicolae Ceausescu. Our correspondent Dan Scemama reports that the invitation arrived in a special message from Ceausescu.

Political sources in Jerusalem have told our correspondent that they attribute great significance to the invitation and that it seems the Romanian leader is trying to use his contacts with the Arab countries and the Soviet Union to promote the peace process.

Peres' Office Denies Nuclear Proposal to Soviets

TA020419 Jerusalem Domestic Service in English 0400 GMT 2 aug 87

[Text] The West German weekly *Der Spiegel* reports that Minister Peres has offered the Soviet Union to negotiate a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East. *Der Spiegel* says Peres sent a secret message to Moscow after the Kremlin's warnings to Israel against developing the intermediate-range missile Jericho. The foreign minister was also said to have suggested direct talks with his Soviet counterpart Shevardnadze as a prelude to nuclear arms talks.

The Foreign Minister's Bureau says there is no basis to *Der Spiegel's* report.

Soviet Delegation in Moscow for 'Consultations'

TA311030 Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew 31 Jul 87 p 1

[Report by political correspondent Yosi Melman]

[Text] The leaders of the Soviet delegation currently visiting Israel left the country yesterday, returning to Moscow for what appears to be "lengthy consultations" which might last 2 months.

Davar has learned that Yevgeniy Antipov and Alexey Chistyakov plan to return to Israel only toward the expiry date of the delegation members' 90-day visas.

Contrary to earlier reports, it has become clear that the leaders of the delegation did not previously travel to Moscow for consultations, but only flew to Cyprus where they stayed for 4-5 days, met with Soviet envoys, and returned to Israel.

Yesterday the leaders of the Soviet delegation toured the Russian Church in Jerusalem and met with Foreign Ministry officials, informing them of their return to Moscow for lengthy consultations. The other delegation members will remain in Israel.

Israeli officials believe that for all intents and purposes, the delegation has completed its work here and hardly anything is left for it to do. However, the delegation members will remain in Israel until their visas expire.

The officials also said that the contacts between the delegation members and official Israeli representatives have been "too slow and too few."

IDF Officer Killed in Gaza Ambush; Curfew Imposed

TA021525 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1500 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] An IDF officer was killed in an ambush in the center of Gaza this afternoon. His family has been informed. He was shot by a rifle at close range as he was riding in his car along a road parallel to Palestine Square. The bullet hit his calf and emerged through his chest. The security forces imposed a curfew on the area, but our correspondent Arye Gus reports from Gaza that the local merchants were already hurrying to close their stores. The officer was discovered by another officer who was passing by. He took the victim to a military clinic, but it was impossible to save the officer's life.

Force-17 Claims Responsibility

TA021707 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1700 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Fatah's Force-17 has claimed responsibility for the murder of an IDF officer in Gaza. Force-17's announcement was delivered by phone to the AFP office in Jerusalem.

The IDF spokesman reported that the family of the officer who was killed in Gaza has been notified.

Following this incident, the roads leading from Gaza to Israel have been closed until further notice. The departure of vessels from the Gaza port has also been banned.

Senior Officer Reacts to Killing

TA021529 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1500 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Major General Yitzhaq Mordekhay, commander of the Southern Command, has said that the murder of an officer [in a Gaza ambush] requires that activity be increased and additional steps be taken. He reported that the IDF has begun combing operations and will take other steps with the approval of the defense minister.

Shamir, Rabin Comment

TA030424 Jerusalem Domestic Service in English 0400 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir says the brutal murder of Captain Tal is a crime of the worst type, and he has expressed confidence that the terrorists responsible will be brought to justice.

Defense Minister Rabin, touring the site of the crime last night, told reporters the murder was an irregular case and that there would be an irregular response. He refused to elaborate.

For his part, Foreign Minister Peres said Israel would continue on in its uncompromising battle against terrorism.

Interview With Rabin on Measures

TA030526 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew
0405 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Telephone interview with Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin by David Grossman — live]

[Text] [Grossman] Good morning, Minister Rabin.

[Rabin] Good morning.

[Grossman] What steps were taken in the Gaza Strip last night?

[Rabin] First, it should be pointed out that this was an irregular case of a deliberate terrorist operation against an Israeli target; the terrorists grouped in the area and hit the first Israeli military objective available. This, unfortunately and to our deep sorrow, is how Captain Tal was killed. I am, of course, conveying my condolences to his family.

This incident was not a case of disrupting public order; it was a planned terrorist act carried out by an individual or a squad — I personally believe it was a squad — belonging to one of the terrorist organizations. This calls for widespread activity, and in this case the activity began with a curfew on the immediate area for the purpose of rounding up and questioning suspects to find the murderer. We will find the perpetrators and punish them. We cannot conduct business as usual and will not rest until the killers and those who sent them out on this mission are duly punished.

[Grossman] Yesterday's reports said that it was a single terrorist who carried out this act, whereas you have mentioned a squad. Does this indicate any progress in the investigation?

[Rabin] I did not say that for certain. I said that it was either an individual or a squad, although I added that my personal opinion is that the act was not carried out by a single individual, but was better organized. This is why I said that the main efforts will be devoted to an investigation to find the perpetrators, the organizers, and the people who sent them out on this mission. Second, regarding those who could have extended assistance in this operation: I cannot imagine that the shopowners or customers in the stores nearby failed to see what was happening. Therefore, we will also take measures with regard to the area surrounding the scene of the murder. Third, in order to make the investigatory process easier, a curfew has been imposed on the broader periphery of the murder site. This, too, is meant to facilitate the interrogation process and to allow for smooth combing operations while keeping the residents in the area. Fourth, people have been forbidden to leave the Gaza Strip either by land or by sea, so that we can make sure any additional suspects named through tips will be found easily.

[Grossman] How long will these measures remain in effect?

[Rabin] As long as necessary. Our decision is aimed at allowing us to take all the steps necessary to find the perpetrators of the act and those who sent them.

[Grossman] Why were similar measures not employed 2 months ago when the civilian Jalil Jarusi was killed?

[Rabin] That was a completely different case. It occurred outside a residential area and did not involve a specific location, including shops and people inside those shops. It happened outside a residential area.

[Grossman] Closing off the Gaza Strip is actually a change from your declared policy, as you have always favored localized rather than mass punishment.

[Rabin] First of all, this is not a punishment but measures that will, in addition to all the other steps, make it possible to find the killers. Of course, another goal is to warn all the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip and the leaders in the region against such murderous activity, telling them that we will not tolerate it.

[Grossman] Some members of the Cabinet, such as Minister Shapira, have already raised the demand for capital punishment for terrorists. What do you think is the appropriate penalty for a terrorist who has carried out such a murder?

[Rabin] As required by Israeli law.

[Grossman] So you do not think that...

[Rabin, interrupting] I would not like to take this opportunity, while we are all still grieving over the murder of Ron Tal, to enter into a discussion on this issue.

[Grossman] Thank you very much, Minister Yitzhaq Rabin.

Murder Linked to Transfer Idea

TA030630 Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew
0500 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Telephone interview in English with former Gaza Mayor Rashad al-Shawwa by Ya'el Dan — live]]

[Text] [Dan] Mr al-Shawwa, good morning to you.

[Al-Shawwa] Good morning.

[Dan] As far as we know, there are no serious suspects at the moment. Where would you look for the murderer?

[Al-Shawwa] I really couldn't tell, but the very unstable conditions under which we live in the occupied territories make such incidents possible. I am definitely against violence, I am definitely against terror.

[Dan] Do you condemn this special incident?

[Al-Shawwa] I personally condemn any violence and any terror that may happen in the occupied territories and even everywhere else.

[Dan] Mr al-Shawwa, how would you describe the feelings in Gaza this morning?

[Al-Shawwa] Well, as I told you, the feeling is very tense in the town. It has been tense for a long time after people heard of what Mr Deqel has said regarding moving the people from Gaza and getting rid of the Arab population and so on.

[Dan] Do you connect this murder with the talking about transfer?

[Al-Shawwa] I definitely connect it with the general situation. The Arab population in the territories is getting to feel more and more scared of things said by people like Ze'evi [former IDF general and currently general manager of the Ha'aretz Museum in Tel Aviv, who first advocated the transfer of the Arab inhabitants to the East Bank], and people like Deqel, and indirectly by Sharon and so on.

[Dan] What is your reaction to the Israeli reaction, which included sealing off the town?

[Al-Shawwa] Well, in a way they may be justified, but in another sense, this is collective punishment. Collective punishment is not something we admire very much.

[Dan] So you don't accept it?

[Al-Shawwa] Well, I have to accept it.

[Dan] Mr al-Shawwa, the Israeli security forces see this murder of an Israeli officer as an exceptionally severe incident. Do you see it in the same way?

[Al-Shawwa] Well, it is very severe, and things are growing very bad in the occupied territories. We've been trying to alert the authorities and the Israeli Government that things are heading to an explosion, and we want to avoid this. So the Israeli authorities must do something about it. But again I repeat: I do not approve murder, I don't approve violence, I don't approve terror. But something must be done.

[Dan] Rashad al-Shawwa, I thank you very much.

[Al-Shawwa] Thank you.

Likud: No Agreement With Alignment Under Peres

TA311838 Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew
1715 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] The Likud will not conduct talks with the Alignment on early elections. Our party affairs correspondent Dan Raviv reports that the Likud has decided not to sign any additional agreement with the Alignment as long as Mr Peres is its leader. This is due to previous bad experience, which has shown that every agreement with the Alignment is doomed to be violated, according to the Likud.

Peres Claims Secret Likud-Tehiya Agreement

TA020830 Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew
2 Aug 87 pp 1, 2

[Report by Refa'el Mann, Menahem Rahat, and Arye Bender]

[Exerpt] "The attempt to base the national unity government upon Gush Emunim's positions is in direct contradiction to the coalition agreement. This attempt finds its expression in Shamir's three no's, in issues the government has never decided upon, and in a secret agreement with the Tehiya that was never presented to us." This accusation was made by Vice Prime Minister Shim'on Peres yesterday.

Peres claimed that the Likud's embracement of Gush Emunim's positions finds its expression in the attempt to disrupt the advancement of direct negotiations under international auspices. Peres recalled that activity toward that end started even before the rotation "with the knowledge and quiet support of Shamir."

Reacting to Shamir's recent attacks on the Alignment, Peres said: "A government cannot be based upon constant threats, pardon proposals, and the dissemination of lies and distortions. The Alignment's objective is the continuation of the peace process, an issue that is also one of the aims of the national unity government. The Alignment will act with restraint vis-a-vis all the provocations, despite the wave of personal attacks that have not stopped for a minute. We will continue with full responsibility to seek ways of fulfilling national objectives."

The vice prime minister added: "It would be advisable for those who brought inflation and the Lebanon war to the country to exhibit a little more modesty." [passage omitted]

Alignment To Delay Call for Early Elections

TA021519 Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew
1400 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] We will now go over to our correspondent Yinon Shenkar, who has heard the ministers emerging from the Alignment ministers' consultation. Yinon, over to you:

The meeting in Shim'on Peres' office was aimed at formulating a final position for the Alignment ministers and the faction's Knesset leadership with regard to the initiative to bring the elections forward. A few minutes ago that meeting ended. We heard that the Alignment had decided not to support the submission to the Knesset Presidium tomorrow of a draft bill for early elections. The issue, then, has been dropped from the agenda for at least the current Knesset session, which comes to an end on Wednesday. The Alignment is delaying its initiative for early elections until the next session, which is to begin in October. The reasoning, as detailed by Alignment faction chairman Rafi Edri and also Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres, concentrates on the parliamentary laws. Although we have a firm majority for bringing the elections forward, Shim'on Peres told me a few

minutes ago, we cannot get the draft bill through with all the readings required, so we will postpone this matter until the beginning of the next term.

During the meeting there was a sharp attack on Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir and the Likud. Shim'on Peres emphasized that the Likud is violating the coalition agreement with Shamir's three no's, with the remarks by Deputy Minister Deqel, and with the legislative initiatives. Other members also expressed opposition to the partnership with the Likud and to the Likud partners themselves. Incidentally, Minister 'Ezer Weizman leveled pointed criticism during the meeting at his being excluded from the decisionmaking on the issue of early elections. He complained that if his Alignment colleagues do not move toward early elections, they should leave the government at once.

During the next 24 hours the Alignment leaders will be meeting for another round of talks with representatives from the leftist and religious factions. This time, they will tell those factions why the Alignment is not so enthusiastic about bringing the elections forward right now.

CRM, MAPAM 'Pleased' With Delay

TA030437 Jerusalem Domestic Service in English 0400 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Excerpt] Left-wing parties have expressed satisfaction with last night's decision by the Labor-Alignment not to push for early elections this week, despite the fact that the opposition has favored early elections.

The Citizens Rights Movement [CRM], in a statement issued last night, said they were pleased with the Alignment move because it would avoid the selling of Knesset seats to the small religious parties.

The socialist MAPAM Party also expressed its satisfaction. [passage omitted]

Hizballah: Warships in Gulf 'Declaration of War'

NC312044 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic 2015 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Tehran radio broadcast a statement tonight by Lebanon's Hizballah in which the group condemned France and the United States for sending warships to the Gulf and the Mediterrenean. The statement described this measure as a declaration of war on Islam and the Muslims in the area. It added: If the imperialist forces do not withdraw, the Muslims will defend their existence and countries with all means available to them.

Reaction to Pilgrimage Violence in Mecca

Al-Jumayyil Telephones King Fahd

NC021934 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic 1915 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] President Amin al-Jumayyil telephoned King Fahd of Saudi Arabia tonight, expressing his denunciation of the security incidents in Mecca which led to the fall of innocent victims. Al-Jumayyil conveyed his profound condolences to King Fahd and emphasized Lebanon's solidarity with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the current circumstances. He asserted that logic and reason will inevitably triumph over violence and emotionalism.

Birri Condemns Mecca Violence

NC011456 (Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in Arabic to Lebanon 1300 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Commenting on incidents in Saudi Arabia, Nabih Birri said today: Some news agencies have report d that clashes took place following demonstrations by pilgrims in holy Mecca. Approximately 100 pilgrims were killed and more than 1,000 injured. We hope these reports are untrue, because such an incident, in which demonstrators were confronted with bullets, in Mecca would be very grave. God Almighty has banned quarrels during pilgrimage. How can [the Saudi] regime allow itself to kill pilgrims with rifles, repression, and barbarism?

Birri added: Violation of God's word in his own house is unbelievable. We do not believe such a massacre has ever happened before in a house of worship, against a peaceful expression or opinion. At most such things are confronted with words, not weapons.

Sends Condolences to Khomeyni

NC021525 Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic 1430 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Minister Nabih Birri has sent cables to Imam Khomeyni and Iranian officials, through the Iranian Embassy in Lebanon, offering condolences over the deaths of Iranian pilgrims.

Hizballah Condemns Incident

LD020642 Tehran IRNA in English 0636 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Beirut, Aug. 2, IRNA — The Lebanese Hizballah (Party of God) condemned the massacre of hundreds of Muslims as well as wounding of thousands of others by the Saudi police in Mecca and called for the punishment of the Saudi rulers 'whose crime,' it said, 'has done service to the U.S.'

The Hizballah statement Saturday referred to Muslim pilgrims in Mecca as 'guests of God' saying that their massacre by 'Reagan's lackeys' (Saudi Government) betrays the U.S. conspiracy against Muslim nations. 'The catastophic incident,' it said, 'makes it clear that the lackeys of the U.S. and France in Saudi Arabia are not qualified for hosting pilgrims, and the foreign-inspired servile elements (Saudi rulers) should get out of Mecca and Medina.'

The statement borrowing an epithet from the Holy Koran described the Saudi king as the '20th Century Abu Lahabs' whose 'hangmen' had opened fire on thousands of Iranian and non-Iranian Muslims as they were staging a peaceful religious demonstration nicknamed 'unity rally,' in Mecca Friday. Abu Lahab (father of flame) was the nickname of an uncle of Prophet Mohammad (Saw) so called from his fiery hot temper and his ruddy complexion. He was an inveterate enemy of early Islam who the Holy Koran promised would soon burn 'in a fire of blazing flame'.

Calls for 'Punishment' of Saudis

NC012042 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic 2015 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Hizballah has accused the Saudi authorities of committing what it termed a barbaric massacre in Mecca and called for entrusting the security of the holy places to the hands of believers.

In a statement distributed in Beirut tonight, Hizballah underlined the need to inflict punishment commensurate with the gravity of their crime on Saudi officials, whom it labeled servants of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and French President Francois Mitterrand. The statement said more than 200 persons had been killed and hundreds injured among the pilgrims demonstrating in Mecca. The statement added that the Saudi police killed many who had been injured. It also said the bodies of Iranian, Lebanese, Pakistani, and African pilgrims are apparently King Fahd's offering to his American idol. We note that Lebanon's consul in Jeddah, Wafiq Jabir, said today there was not a single Lebanese among the victims of the clashes.

Al-Tufayli, Musawi on 'Massacre'

NC021017 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Dispatch from unidentified correspondent of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Beirut on 1 August — recorded]

[Text] The martyrdom of hundreds of pilgrims to the House of God by the Saudi regime's agents has generated a wave of anger

and indignation in the various Islamic circles in Lebanon, and a period of public mourning has been declared in Lebanon's southern region. The Lebanese Hizballah has called the massacre of hundreds of pilgrims an act of aggression against the House of God and has stressed that the security and safety of pilgrims should be delegated to devout people, saying it is no longer permissible for the servants of the United States and France to remain in the areas of the Ka'bah. In the statement issued by Hizballah, it was emphasized that world oppression, which was frustrated and chagrined at the (?invulnerability) of the Islamic revolution, violated the sanctity of the holy Koran and the followers of Muhammad, and motivated their servants to commit this brutal act. The statement added: We warn the United States that it does not have any place in Islamic territory and that Islam has risen so it may throw off the colonial yoke and the fetters of bondage.

Shaykh Subhi al-Tufayli, one of the Lebanese clerics [and the leader of Hizballah], said the massacre of the pilgrims to the House of God was planned by the United States. Addressing the Muslims, he warned that the enemy has been intimidated by the [Islamic] precept of "There is no God but Allah" and is trying to defame it, even in the holy Ka'bah area. Hence their lackeys in Hijaz martyr scores of Muslims. Therefore, Al-Tufayli said, Muslims should reinforce their ranks and consolidate their unity to respond to this overt attack by the infidels.

Musawi, the leader of the Islamic Amal Movement, also offered his condolences on the martyrdom of the large number of pilgrims to the imam of the ages and his deputy, the imam of the nation, stressing that the United States, France, and other forces of tyranny were forced to endure defeat in the Persian Gulf waters and now will be destroyed along with the Western Kings Hasan [of Morocco] and Husayn of Jordan and the Saudi rulers, who, instead of holding on to faith in God, have pledged allegiance to new idols.

'Liberation of Mecca' Urged

NC021210 (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic 1045 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Islamic Amal Movement leader Husayn Musawi has called for the liberation of Mecca to be considered part of the struggle for the liberation of Jerusalem. He asserted that an unarmed pilgrimage to Mecca is equivalent to a pilgrimage in humiliation. The Saudi authorities, he said, who for 9 years did not react to the pilgrims' demonstrations, felt strengthened this year by the presence of imperialist fleets in the Gulf.

Islamic Jihad Vows 'Bloody Reprisals'

NC022058 Paris AFP in English 2054 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Beirut, Aug 2 (AFP) — Islamic Jihad, a shadowy pro-Iranian group which has shown proof it holds at least two U.S. hostages, threated bloody reprisals Sunday against the United States and Saudi Arabia for the "horrible massacre" Friday at Mecca.

In a typewritten Arabic communique, authenticated with a photo of U.S. journalist Terry Anderson and delivered to a Western press agency in Beirut, the group said the Saudi regime was a "tool" of the United States, which held primary responsibility for the deaths of hundreds of Iranian pilgrims during violent incidents in the Moslem holy city.

"The hand used from time to time by America must be cut and we consider that Al Saud (the Saudi royal family) is now directly in conflict with Moslems," the communique said.

"This massacre, the first of its kind in history, cannot go unpunished," vowed the group, whose name means "holy war."

Scholars Attack Saudi Regime

NC021728 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic 1615 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] The Muslim scholars grouping has demanded that Mecca and Medina be placed under the supervision of an international Islamic authority. In a statement distributed in Sidon today, the scholars grouping strongly condemned the acts of violence in Mecca and held the Saudi regime responsible for the clashes. The statement says this regime must be punished and adds that Muslims must refuse to allow the holy places to remain under the guardianship of an authority that is an ally of the United States. The statement vehemently attacks the Saudi regime, which it terms a puppet in the hands of the Americans and which wants to emphasize its subservience to the infidel West and atheist communist bloc.

The scholars grouping's statement stresses that Muslims will liberate Jerusalem from the Zionist occupation and Medina and Mecca from the occupation of false Muslims.

Anti-Saudi Demonstration Staged

NC021849 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic 1815 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] While millions of people demonstrated in Tehran to protest the Mecca incidents in which 400 pilgrims, including 275 Iranians, were killed, thousands of Shi'ite hardliners in Ba'labakk shook their fists and pledged to cut off the heads of members of the ruling Saudi family.

Reuter had reported that 5,000 persons participated in the demonstration, including fighters, clerics, and women of the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizballah. The demonstrators raised Iranian flags and placards and shouted slogans denouncing the United States, Israel, France, and Saudi Arabia.

Senior Hizballah official Shaykh Subhi al-Tufayli addressed the demonstrators, calling on Muslims to pursue what he termed the symbols belonging to the Jewish infidel institution: The Al Saud institution everywhere. He said: As of today, Jerusalem cannot be liberated before Mecca is liberated from the hands of the U.S. infidels, and no pilgrimage can be performed without arms until the land is purged of the agents of Al Saud and the Americans.

Bomb Thrown at Saudi Embassy

NC021912 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic
1900 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] A security source has informed us that an unidentified person hurled an explosive device at the Saudi Embassy compound at 2030 tonight. The device did not explode completely. It is estimated that 2.5 kg of explosive detonated, but approximately nine sticks of dynamite did not explode. The blast resulted in only material damage.

Explosion at Saudi Culture Center

NC031610 (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon
in Arabic 1555 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] An explosion occurred at the Saudi Cultural Center in Al-Hamra' [in West Beirut] AT 1740 today. The blast, which resulted in only material damage, is in response to the Mecca events.

Junblatt Making Contacts Seeking Waite's Release

NC011659 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
1630 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] According to the *Al-Mashriq News Agency*, Minister Walid Junblatt has made overtures to Hizballah and visited its clergymen in Ba'labakk in an effort to secure the release of Terry Waite, the Anglican Church envoy who disappeared a few months ago while under the protection of PSP personnel.

Receives Iranian Ultimatum

NC012031 (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon
in Arabic 1945 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] A Hizballah official has stated that Iran told Walid Junblatt recently that he must support Iran openly to pave the way for negotiations regarding the fate of kidnapped Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite. In today's edition, the *Al-Nahar al-'Arabi wa Al-Duwali* magazine says Minister Junblatt recently attacked traditional Islam and expressed support for the Islamic revolution in Iran, after a lengthy meeting in Ba'labakk with Shaykh Subhi al-Tufayli, a Hizballah official in the Al-Biqa' area. It adds that the meeting lasted 4 hours and that discussions revolved around the issue of the foreign hostages, particularly the question of Terry Waite's release.

Islamic Jihad Warns France on Foreign Policy

NC312034 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic
2015 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad Organization said tonight that the agressive French foreign policy and the delay in settling the issue of French hostages in Lebanon will lead to negative and unpleasant results. In a typewritten statement Islamic Jihad sent to an international news agency, the organization said the French Government bears the responsibility for any such outcome. The statement was accompanied by a videotape which the organization said is of one of the hostages it is holding. Islamic Jihad is holding four Frenchmen and two U.S. nationals.

AL-'AHD: French Embassy 'Spy Den'

NC311943 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
1915 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] The Beirut magazine *Al-'Ahd*, a mouthpiece of the Hizballah Shi'ite fundamentalists, today accused the French Embassy in Beirut of being a spy den. The magazine also announced new and major developments in the anti-French campaign being waged by the pro-Iranian parties in Lebanon. The fundamentalist publication voiced satisfaction over the reaction of the French ambassador in Lebanon to the recent Hizballah demonstration. The fact that the ambassador described it as despicable, *Al-'Ahd* said, means the demonstration has achieved its goal. The magazine threatened: If such a demonstration has angered and annoyed the ambassador, then what will he say before long?

Swiss Nationals Asked To Leave West Beirut

NC010643 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
0515 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] With regard to the issue of threats and kidnappings, the Swiss Embassy in Beirut has asked its nationals residing in West Beirut to move to the eastern area [of Beirut]. This comes in the wake of the arrest of Lebanese national Husayn Muhammad al-Hariri, who hijacked an African airliner to the Geneva Airport and killed a French national.

Syrian Forces To Protect Embassy

NC011436 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
1415 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Excerpt] Syrian forces were deployed today around the Swiss Embassy in West Beirut to bolster security in the area in light of threats against Swiss interests after the deterntion of Husayn al-Hariri, who hijacked an Air Afrique plane.

The Syrians have set up sandbags and removed all cars from the streets around the embassy, which is protected by cement walls and barbed wire. [passage omitted]

Presidential Adviser Shuqayr Assassinated

NC022020 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
2016 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] At approximately 2240 tonight two gunmen assassinated President Adviser Muhammad Shuqayr in West Beirut. They opened fire on him with various weapons in his home in the Verdun area, opposite a police station.

Two Suspects Arrested

NC022204 (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic 2145 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] One person wearing sports clothes and another individual went to the apartment of Muhammad Shuqayr in Lyons Street in the Al-Hamra' area at approximately 2215 tonight to meet him. The first person fired at Shuqayr with a silenced pistol, shooting him in the head and killing him. An internal security patrol immediately arrived at the scene of the crime and cordoned it off. First aid ambulance took the body to the University Hospital, where an autopsy was performed.

It was later reported that the internal security forces have arrested two gunmen in a blue Mercedes 280. It is believed that the car belongs to the perpetrators of the crime. The car and those inside were taken to Hubayq police station, where the suspects are being interrogated.

Al-Jumayyil Orders Mission to Sweden for Salibi

NC021239 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1200 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] President Shaykh Amin al-Jumayyil has followed up the developments in connection with the arrest of Lebanese soldier Elie Salibi in Sweden and has asked the public prosecutor to send a military mission to Sweden with a request to extradite Salibi for purposes of interrogation. The mission is scheduled to leave Beirut on Tuesday to carry out its assigned task.

Sources on Mission to Sweden

NC311759 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1530 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Judicial sources closely connected to the judicial investigation into the crime of the assassination of Prime Minister Rashid Karami have disclosed that over the past 4 days they have not received any information from Swedish authorities that soldier Elie Louis Salibi has been arrested. Judicial investigator Judge Walid Ghamrah had issued a warrant for the soldier's arrest.

The same sources added that Interpol is conducting investigations to locate Salibi. The sources revealed that a mission will be sent to Sweden to investigate the soldier's whereabouts after consultations are held with Cassation Court Public Prosecutor Judge Joseph Frayhah. Judge Frayhah has proposed that the mission be comprised of Lieutenant Colonel Antoine 'Abbud, commander of the central judiciary detachment, and Major Rashid Afyuni, head of the state security force in the north.

The sources expect another mission to travel to Sweden to bring Salibi back when he is arrested.

Other judicial sources have affirmed that the soldier has no right to be granted political asylum because he is charged with assassinating the Lebanese prime minister. The sources asserted that it is not impossible to arrest Salibi wherever he may be. The sources revealed that Salibi left Lebanon with a civilian passport. They also noted that he had joined the military establishment approximately 6 months prior to the assassination.

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry Secretary General Fu'ad al-Turk and Judge Frayhah met [date not specified] and discussed the issue of Salibi.

Argentine Envoy on Mission To Reopen Embassy

NC311357 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1300 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Foreign Ministry Secretary General Fu'ad al-Turk received the Argentine ambassador to Algeria, who, it has been learned, is in Beirut in connection with the reopening of the Argentine Embassy in Lebanon.

President Al-Jumayyil Delivers Army Day Speech

NC011154 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic 1008 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Speech by President Amin al-Jumayyil at a ceremony held at the Ministry of National Defense in Al-Yarzi on the occasion of Army Day — live]

[Text] I did not want Army Day to pass without us celebrating it together. We always stress the need to mark this occasion because it is an anniversary for all Lebanese, an anniversary that symbolizes the present regime's determination to rescue Lebanon and restore to it its full sovereignty.

I do not intend to speak for long because the Lebanese people have had enough talk and are now hungry. The Lebanese people look on the Army establishment as the cross that will save them and the homeland.

You and I made a vow about 5 years ago and it still stands. It is a vow to liberate all Lebanon in order to unify all Lebanon. This is the vow for which you and I have worked and for which some of your comrades have been martyred. [applause]

The country has passed through difficult circumstances. For several years now it has suffered from various wars: military wars on the ground, political wars through proposals and slogans, and economic and social wars recently. Throughout this entire period the Lebanese people stood fast, thanks to their faith and adherence to their rights and cause. You should have no fear of such a people, for they stand fast through their sacrifice and the sacrifice of the military establishment, which is a part of them. This people will survive and their homeland will triumph. [applause]

All the attempts to divide and starve the people have not been able to extinguish the flame inside each one of us, inside each Lebanese who is sincere about the homeland and cause. The latest attempt to extinguish this flame and destroy the hope for Lebanon's unity, independence, and sovereignty was the assassination of the prime minister. However, Lebanon was stronger than the ordeal and maintained its unity and resolve.

Just as Prime Minister Karami was a trust in the hands of the Army, the blood of Martyr Prime Minister Rashid Karami will also remain a trust in the hands of the Army. [applause]

We will continue to work for the same principles for which Prime Minister Karami worked. They are our unity and they uphold our dignity.

My dear beloved, the Lebanese people began to revolt to achieve their unity and sovereignty and to secure their staples. The Lebanese people began to revolt to save their homeland. I can say that even the legitimacy may revolt to bring about this salvation. [applause] You and I may revolt together with the people in order to save the homeland and nation.

With these short remarks, I would like to celebrate this occasion and renew our vow to the homeland's unity and sovereignty. The road toward saving the homeland may still be long, but our determination is stronger. Our determination is based on our unity and the faith in our cause. The people who exhibited resolve and a strong will and faith; the people who demonstrated solidarity with their military establishment, which is a national institution and the spearhead in the battle for liberation, unification, vnity, and sovereignty; the people who believed in and demonstrated solidarity with their establishments; as well as those who have faith in this establishment, which gave Lebanon a convoy of martyrs, are the source of our esteem and pride. The people who have faith and the establishment, which struggled and whose ranks gave many martyrs for the sake of Lebanon, are our incentive; they are the source of our optimism and the foundation of our determination.

I should stress to you that, on this occasion in particular, on Army Day, the day of us all and the anniversary of renewing the pledge for a unified, sovereign, and independent Lebanon [applause], I should emphasize that, on this occasion, we must all pause and reconsider what we have done. A sovereign and independent Lebanon is the most precious. All sacrifices for the homeland are worthwhile. I can affirm to you that this ceremony is for all of Lebanon and we are determined to save the homeland, whatever the challenges and difficulties. We are now at the threshold of a new stage in our history. I can tell you that this stage will be bright and the beginning of an independent, united, and fully sovereign Lebanon. May you live long, and long live Lebanon. [applause]

Al-Huss, Sham'un Meet; Economic Measures Proposed

NC311012 (Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in Arabic to Lebanon 0900 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] A meeting held in Mansur Palace this morning between Acting Prime Minister Dr Salim al-Huss and Camille Sham'un ended at 1110. The meeting was attended by Bank of Lebanon Governor Dr Edmond Na'im, and Walid Naja, Muhammad Shu'aytu, Fu'ad Abu Salih, and Joe Faddul, members of the economic experts committee.

Muhammad Shu'aytu read the following statement to newsmen: At our meetings the participants reviewed the current situation from all economic, monetary, and financial aspects, and it became clear to them that further study will be required if concrete solutions are to be achieved. It was decided, therefore, that the committee should continue its work. It was also agreed that the following measures should be taken immediately:

1. Treasury revenues will be enhanced; new sources of revenue will be created; the collection of payments due to the state and its institutions will be ensured; efforts will be made to enable the state to regain control over the ports and utilities and close down illegal ports.

2. The austerity policy will be stringently applied where public spending is concerned.

3. Economic activities, particularly in the productive sectors, will be supported, in order to improve the balance of payments and strengthen the national currency.

4. Efforts will be made to reopen the crossing points so the movement of people and goods between the various areas may be facilitated.

5. The departments set up to control the prices of essential foodstuffs and combat high prices and cheating will be reactivated.

6. Social, housing, educational, health, and food supply services will be bolstered and measures pertaining to projects and institutions involved in such services will be speeded up.

Shu'aytu explained that the next Al-Huss-Sham'un meeting will depend on the outcome of the work of the committee, which will resume its task.

Asked about the possibility of implementing these decisions, Shu'aytu said: I am not authorized to comment on this, but only to read the statement.

Israeli Helicopters Attack Pro-Syrian Positions

NC012056 (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic 2045 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] For 15 minutes tonight, two Israeli helicopters raided military positions in the south near the villages of Shab'a, Jwayya, and Al-Habbariyah. Preliminary reports indicate that the targets housed pro-Syrian extremist gunmen and that some buildings took direct hits.

Israeli Gunboats Shell Sidon Port

NC030503 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 04440 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] Israeli gunboats shelled the port of Sidon and the city's coast at 2330 yesterday. Only material damage resulted from a number of shells that fell on the area. Sirens were sounded in the city at the same time, and a state of alert was declared in the ranks of the Popular Liberation Army — Martyr Ma'ruf Sa'd Forces and the Palestinians in the 'Ayn al-Hulwah and Al-Miyah wa Miyah camps. The Israeli gunboats continued to cruise the

sea off Sidon until a late hour, occasionally scanning the city with their searchlights.

Security Council Extends UNIFIL Mandate 6 Months

NC010634 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic
0430 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Excerpt] The UN Security Council has adopted a resolution extending the mandate of the UN forces in the south for 6 months. The new mandate, which was approved upon Lebanon's request, expires on 31 January 1988. [passage omitted]

Expelled National Al-Dib Returns to Beirut

NC311507 Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic
1428 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Lebanese citizen Hasan al-Dib has returned to Beirut following his expulsion from Switzerland. Al-Dib had been detained in that country for 1 week during which he was interogated. The Swiss authorities ruled that there were no grounds to hand him over to the French judiciary for questioning in connection with the [bombing] attacks in Paris last September.

In a statement to AFP, Al-Dib emphasized his readiness to go to France because he is innocent.

President Reportedly Receives Iran's Velayati 1 Aug

JN011027 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1015 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] President Hafiz al-Asad received Iranian Foreign Minister Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati at 1200 today. Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' and the Iranian ambassador to Damascus also attended the meeting.

Iran's Sheykh ol-Eslam Arrives With Message 31 Jul

Meets With President on Mecca

LD011506 Tehran IRNA in English 1445 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Damascus, Aug 1, IRNA — Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam met Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad here today and conveyed a message from his Iranian counterpart Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali Khamene'i concerning Persian Gulf developments.

The two sides discussed the regional issues in the meeting where Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' and Iranian Ambassador to Damascus Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Hasan Akhtari were also present.

Sheykh ol-Eslam arrived here Friday [31 July].

During a nearly two-hour meeting with the Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad here today, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam referred to the criminal act of the Saudi police in massacring hundreds of Iranian pilgrims and said Muslim Iranian people cannot underestimate the gravity of the crime which was perpetrated by Saudi authorities.

"The issue will naturally have an undesirable impact on Tehran-Riyadh relations," Sheykh ol-Eslam said,

On Persian Gulf issues and futile Kuwaiti efforts to involve the superpowers especially the U.S. in the region, Sheykh ol-Eslam said explosion of the Kuwaiti tanker (*Bridgeton*) by a mine while being escorted by U.S. warships, was in fact an explosion of U.S. prestige.

The mine blast proved the inability of the U.S. to protect its ships in the region, and furthermore drove home the graver risks to Washington if Muslim forces actually did engage it, Sheykh ol-Eslam said.

He said that such U.S. moves which escalated tension in the P.G. [Persian Gulf] region coincided with approval of the Security Council resolution calling on Iran to end a war which the Iraqi regime had initiated, and that they cannot influence the firm stance of the Islamic Republic to gain victory and punish the aggressor.

In reply President al-Asad said that U.S. military presence in the region will only help exacerbate tension and have no impact on Iran.

President al-Asad also stressed that Iran-Syria relations are strategically important and that Syria's stance towards Iran is firm and unchangeable.

Sheykh ol-Eslam arrived here Friday.

On Talks With Al-Asad

JN021825 Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic 1730 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Louis Faris dispatch from Damascus]

[Text] Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam, Iranian deputy foreign minister for political affairs, yesterday delivered a letter to President Hafiz al-Asad from President 'Ali Khamene'i on the current situation in the Gulf. He held a news conference at the Iranian Embassy in Damascus today during which he discussed the events in Mecca. Sheykh ol-Eslam stated that he and Al-Asad had discussed what had happened and that the president was deeply moved.

Sheykh ol-Eslam declared that Al-Asad had promised him that he would contact Saudi Arabia to arrange for the delivery of the dead Iranians and end these difficulties. He added that his talks with Al-Asad had also concerned the expanding U.S. presence in the Gulf and important issues of mutual interest.

A Syrian presidential spokesman also announced that President Hafiz al-Asad had conducted a telephone conversation with the custodian of the two holy mosques, His Majesty King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, in which he expressed his regret over the Mecca incidents.

President Al-Asad today met with Yuliy Vorontsov, USSR first deputy foreign minister, and discussed the Gulf situation with him. Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' was in attendance.

Received by Foreign Minister

JN021632 Damascus SANA in Arabic 1558 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Damascus, 2 Aug (SANA) — Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' received Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam, Iranian deputy foreign minister for political affairs, this afternoon in the presence of the Iranian ambassador to Damascus. The situation in the Arab Gulf in general and a number of issues of mutual interest were discussed during the meeting.

Meets With Vice President

LD030833 Tehran IRNA in English 0620 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] Damascus, Aug. 3, IRNA — Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam reviewed Persian Gulf developments, mutual ties as well as the Friday [31 July] crime of Saudi rulers in Mecca in a meeting with Syrian Vice-President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam here Sunday.

Expressing his sympathy with the Islamic Republic, Khaddam said that undoubtedly the U.S. reaps an immediate benefit from the incident.

Khaddam said that as the past experiences show the U.S. in coordination with the Zionist regime intends to dominate the region. But, he added, she will not succeed and her defeat is fatal.

On massacre of hundreds of Muslims by U.S.-backed Saudi Police last Friday, Sheykh ol-Eslam in response, said that the Government of Iran and its people will not term the event 'accidental'.

On the motive of Saudi regime to commit such a crime he said although the Iranian pilgrims did not chant slogans against reactionary regimes the symbol of which is Saudi dynasty, but the Saudi Police opened fire on the marchers who were only shouting 'Down with the U.S. and Israel'. [sentence as received]

Considering the restrictions imposed on imam's bureau to treat the injured Sheykh ol-Eslam said it seems that the number of martyrs might exceed the present figures.

According to Saudi official figures more than 400 pilgrims were martyred and over 600 wounded.

Sheykh ol-Eslam quoted a Saudi Foreign Ministry official as saying that 'If the Iranian pilgrims stage another demonstration they will be treated as before', and said that the statement indicates the direct and premediated involvement of Saudi Police in what happened in Mecca on Friday.

Describing the situation as 'very critical' deputy foreign minister pointed out that 15,000 Iranian pilgrims in Mecca are at present hostages in Saudi Arabia, and 50 million Iranians at home are worried about what is to befall their pilgrims in Mecca.

He said that Saudis have paved the way for advancement of the U.S. objectives by attacking Iranian pilgrims and distorting news.

Sheykh ol-Eslam stressed that the Government and people of Iran are firmly determined to continue 'their holy defense' unless Saddam (Husayn) is toppled.

In the meantime, Sheykh ol-Eslam met Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' Sunday where they discussed the regional status, the Iraqi imposed war, the Saudi crime in Mecca as well as the Persian Gulf developments.

Soviet Minister Yuliy Vorontsov Begins Visit

Received by Foreign Minister

JN012045 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic
2015 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' today received Yuliy Vorontsov, USSR first deputy foreign minister. Dia'ullah al-Fattal, assistant foreign minister; Dr Jabr al-Kafri, director of the Foreign Ministry's East European Department; [Vladimir] Polyakov, chief of the USSR Foreign Ministry's Near Eastern Countries Department; and the Soviet charge d'affaires in Damascus attended the meeting. The talks focused on the situation in the Arab Gulf region.

Meets With President Al-Asad

JN021610 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic
1515 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Damascus — At 1230 today, His Excellency President Hafiz al-Asad received Yuliy Vorontsov, USSR first deputy foreign minister, and Vladimir Polyakov, chief of the USSR Foreign Ministry's Near Eastern Countries Department.

Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' and the USSR charge d'affaires in Damascus also attended the meeting. Vorontsov conveyed to President Hafiz al-Asad greetings from CPSU General Secretary Comrade Mikhail Gorbachev. The president gratefully accepted these greetings and asked Vorontsov to convey similar greetings to Comrade Gorbachev. Their talks dealt with the current regional situation and issues of mutual interest.

DPRK Foreign Minister Departs Damascus 1 Aug

JN011253 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic
1115 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Kim Yong-nam, DPRK vice premier and foreign minister, departed Damascus today following a 6-day visit to Syria. He was seen off at Damascus International Airport by Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar', Shahir al-Dura'i, chief of the Foreign Ministry's Asian Desk; 'Abd al-Hasib al-Ustwani, the Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol; the DPRK ambassador to Damascus; and the DPRK Embassy staff.

Polisario Leader Departs Damascus 31 Jul

JN311542 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic
1515 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Mohamed Abdelaziz, Polisario secretary general and SDAR president, departed Damascus at 1030 today. Dr Sulayman Qaddah, assistant secretary of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party Regional Command; Comrade Wahib Tannus, member of the Regional Command; and 'Isam al-Na'ib, minister of state for foreign affairs, saw him off at Damascus International Airport.

Ba'th Party's Al-Ahmar Meets Poland's Mlynczak

JN021437 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic
1115 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Damascus — Comrade 'Abdallah al-Ahmar, assistant secretary general of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party, today received Tadeusz Mlynczak, chairman of the Polish Democratic Party and deputy chairman of the Council of State.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the development of bilateral relations between the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party and the Polish United Workers' Party and the Polish Democratic

Party. They also discussed their relations of friendship and cooperation, which serve the peoples of both friendly countries. Their talks also focused on Arab and international developments, as well as the dangers stemming from hostile imperialist moves against world peace and security.

During the talks, Comrade al-Ahmar referred to the joint struggle of peoples against imperialism and Zionism and against the policies of imperialist aggression, expansionism, and hegemony directed at people struggling to preserve their independence, freedom, development, and progress. He stressed Syria's constant and principled position, under the leadership of President Hafiz al-Asad, against suspect schemes in our region aimed at liquidating the Arab struggle and backing Israel's aggression to control the region and plunder its wealth.

Comrade al-Ahmar pointed out that Syria is proceeding along the road of progress and construction to achieve comprehensive strategic parity with the Zionist enemy.

Mlynczak expressed appreciation for this role and conveyed his positive impressions of what he had observed during his visit. He also expressed support for the legitimate peace efforts to hold an international conference. Mlynczak expressed his country's support for the Arab struggle to liberate Arab territories and attain the Palestinian Arab people's legitimate rights.

Ability To Respond to Iraqi Moves Noted

JN020740 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 0415 GMT 2 Aug 87

[From the press review]

[Text] Under the headline "Syria Is Capable of Retaliation," the newspaper *Tishrin* states: On 28 July 1987 the Iraqi authorities announced the shooting down of a Syrian MIG-21. Instead of expressing regret over what had transpired, a spokesman for these authorities demanded explanations. A Syrian military spokesman explained that the Iraqi authorities' abnormal behavior is unjustified, especially since the aircraft involved was on a training flight from Dayr al-Zawr Airport. The pilot lost his way and entered Iraqi airspace by mistake. Contact was then lost with him. The military spokesman added that many Iraqi aircraft have entered Syrian airspace on many occasions but that Syria did not shoot them down. He declared that the Iraqi authorities are called upon to explain this unjustified conduct.

The newspaper notes that Syria is not lacking in means to firmly respond to this dishonorable action, an action that conflicts with the simplest principles of Arab solidarity and Arab brotherhood. However, Syria is concerned about our people in Iraq and the sons of the Iraqi Army. It will not be dragged into such shameful acts. This stand stems from trusting our Iraqi people's ability to ultimately impose their will.

Police Teargas Marchers in Delhi; 800 Arrested

BK311311 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Police had to burst tear gas shells to disperse the Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP] workers when they became violent while marching to Parliament today to protest against terrorist killings in south Delhi yesterday. It had to resort to lathi [baton] charge when the marchers indulged in stone-throwing at the police after they were stopped in front of the BJP party office on Asoka Road.

According to police, a pitched battle continued for over half an hour. A group of BJP workers managed to break through the police cordon and reached the residence of the home minister, Mr Buta Singh, and raised slogans. They caused heavy damage to several DTC [Delhi Transport Corporation] buses. Twenty-three BJP workers and 38 police personnel were injured during the scuffle. About 800 of the party workers were taken into custody.

Gandhi on Peace Accord, Delhi Terrorist Attack

BK311619 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Excerpts] The general body of the Congress-I Party in Parliament has extended full support to the Sri Lanka accord and described it as a factor for peace in the region. [passage omitted]

Addressing the meeting, Mr Rajiv Gandhi regretted that problem of Tamil was being used as a tool by vested interest to exploit the situation for their own ends. Many forces have started showing their presence in Sri Lanka, which was something never seen before. This was not just a problem for the region alone but much more than that. If violence had prolonged and these aligned forces continued to go to Sri Lanka, perhaps it might have posed a danger to nonalignment, Mr Gandhi said. With the signing of the accord these forces will be going back. He hoped that their presence will be removed soon.

Mr Gandhi pointed out that President Jayewardene had asked for some help and it has been given. He said the accord is very important for the region.

Mr Gandhi complimented President Jayewardene for his statesmanship in signing the agreement and trying to solve the problem for all times to come.

Referring to the terrorist attack in the capital yesterday in which two people were killed, Mr Gandhi condemned it and wanted the Delhi administration to be vigilant and aggressive in tackling the situation. He said because of the pressure on terrorists and successes achieved by the Punjab administraiton, they are coming outside the state. He underlined the need to mobilize public opinion against terrorists and isolate them. A mass movement has to be created. [passage omitted]

Assures Tamils of Safety

BK021622 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] The prime minister has assured the Sri Lankan Tamil militants that the Indo-Sri Lankan accord on the ethnic problem ensures their safety and security in addition to their future role in the affairs of the island. Mr Rajiv Gandhi was addressing a mammoth rally at Marina Beach in Madras this evening to celebrate the signing of the historic accord.

Our correspondent says that the prime minister drew repeated applause as he assured the people that the accord will enable the Sri Lankan Tamils to live in peace and tranquility apart from maintaining their cultural identity. He said the Sri Lankan Government has given credible assurance that it will not take any advantage out of the disarming of the militants. He said the accord provides for making one-third of the island territory into a single province where Tamils will have a clear majority.

Mr Gandhi called upon the militants to fully involve themselves in implementing the accord. He said anyone who acts against the agreement will be acting against the interest of the Sri Lankan Tamils. He said opponents of the accord deserve no sympathy.

The prime minister paid a glowing tribute to President Jayewardene for showing moral courage and statesmanship and standing up boldly to the forces trying to break the accord.

Mr Gandhi also congratulated the Tamil Nadu chief minister, Mr M.G. Ramachandran, for his efforts and continued support in reaching the accord. Mr Gandhi said but for him the government would have faced problems during the crucial periods of negotiations.

The prime minister declared that the accord has ended a period of pain and suffering and would usher in a new era of peace. He said our heart goes out to those women who have become widows and those had lost their sons. The Sri Lankan Tamils wanted to live in peace and honor, and this we have assured through the accord, Mr Gandhi said.

The Tamil Nadu chief minister appealed to the militants to respect the accord and cooperate fully in its implementation. He said Mr Gandhi has finally put an end to the sufferings of Sri Lankan Tamils.

The celebrations were jointly arranged by the Tamil Nadu Congress-I Committee and All India Anna DMK.

Earlier, the prime minister was given a warm welcome on his arrival in the city. The state governor, Mr S.L. Khurana, and the chief minister and his cabinet colleagues received him at the airport. Multicolor posters hailing the accord and Mr Gandhi were prominently displayed all over the city.

The prime minister has since left for New Delhi.

President Stresses Need for Friendship With China
BK010449 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] The president, Mr R. Venkataraman, has said that Sino-Indian friendship is vital to peace and stability in the region. He affirmed the relevance of the five principles of peaceful coexistence to govern the state-to-state relations and settle outstanding issues between the two countries. Mr Venkataraman was speaking in New Delhi yesterday after receiving credentials from the new Chinese ambassador to India, Mr Tu Guowei. Mr Tu Guowei expressed the hope that the two countries will be able to overcome bilateral problems soon.

New PRC Envoy Says Border Talks To Reopen in Nov
BK010930 Hong Kong AFP in English 0857 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 1 (AFP) — India and China will probably hold more talks on their border dispute in November, the new Chinese ambassador here was Saturday [1 August] quoted as saying.

The Hindustan Times quoted Tu Guowei as saying in an interview Friday it had been "more or less agreed" that the eighth round of discussions would be held here in November.

Mr. Tu presented his credentials to President Ramaswamy Venkataraman Friday.

Seven rounds of talks since 1981 have failed to settle the border dispute, over which India and China fought a brief war in 1962.

Beijing claims 90,000 square kilometres (36,000 square miles) of Indian land, while New Delhi says China occupies 38,000 square kilometres (15,200 square miles) of its territory.

"The talks are no doubt deadlocked, but we are looking for a way to break the stalemate," Mr. Tu said. "So is India. Both are guided by a similar desire to settle the problem peacefully and maintain tranquility along the border," *The Hindustan Times* reported.

But he warned that "we can expect no miracles" in settling the dispute, the newspaper added.

Mr. Tu rejected recent press reports of a Chinese troop build-up on the Indian border as "fabrications concocted with ulterior motives", the newspaper reported. But he said "some reinforcements may have been sent" to counter an Indian troop concentration.

There have been Western press reports of military build-ups on both sides of the frontier. Both Beijing and New Delhi have made statements to ease the tension.

'Suicide Operations' Against U.S. To Begin 4 Aug

LD022148 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1930 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] To display the combat power of the Baluchi tribal forces and their readiness to counter U.S. conspiracies in the Persian Gulf, the "Grand Martyrdom" maneuver will be held by the Baluchistan Tribal Army and the Chahar Bahr Reserve Naval Brigade on 4 August in the strategic [word indistinct] of the Sea of Oman. With regard to this naval exercise, the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Baluchistan va Sistan has stated: In the "Grand Martyrdom" maneuver, the entire mobilization forces of this province, both Shi'ites and Sunnis, will participate. They have declared their preparedness to carry out suicide operations against the U.S. fleets.

Preliminary Maneuvers Begin

LD031117 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 3 Aug 87

[From the headlines]

[Text] The naval forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps this morning began preliminary operations for the great "Martyrdom" exercise in the waters of the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

The General Headquarters of the three forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has issued a statement asking all shipping and military and civilian aircraft centers to stop all air and sea traffic in the regional waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the Persian Gulf, and in the Gulf of Oman for 3 days beginning at 2400 tonight, which corresponds to 2030 GMT.

Khomeyni Message to Hajj Pilgrims, Part III

LD311234 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 31 Jul 87

["Third part" of message from Ayatollah Khomeyni to hajj pilgrims "on the eve of the International Hajj Congress" — read by announcer]

[Text] Taking note of their important responsibility for directing and guiding the respected pilgrims and appreciating the exceptional conditions of the Islamic Republic of Iran, respected clergy, managers, and officials of the convoys and pilgrimage must make every effort to ensure that the hajj ceremonies will be conducted in a correct and orderly manner. When instructing the respected pilgrims of the house of God about the issues involved in pilgrimage, they must exercise patience without expecting any favors. They should also formulate programs, in line with the presence of various classes, regardless of whether they are literate or illiterate. They should not refrain from their constructive role or the great effect that the pilgrimage has on mankind's destiny forever. In that spiritual climate and under those conditions, all hearts are ready to be transformed and to accept what is right. However, they should refrain from voicing their personal opinions on the pilgrimage, especially on the issues associated with it and the hajj rituals. Pilgrimage issues should be explained with knowledge and certainty and, when necessary, by knowledgeable persons or jurisprudence sources because there are many new issues regarding the practice and rites of pilgrimage. God forbid, a wrong explanation or a faulty definition of the issues will nullify the results of the pilgrimage and create difficulties and restrictions for the respected pilgrims.

While the dear clergymen are explaining the issues clearly and precisely, they should refrain from creating unnecessary problems and should not be pedantic, for this may cause doubt and unnecessary caution in the pilgrims. Being too pedantic in implementing programs, ceremonies, and the rites of worship and prayers will result in being indifferent to and paying little attention to religious duties. One very appropriate and good opportunity for the clergy is that they will be in touch with specialists, scholars, and ulema from Islamic countries despite the fact that world arrogance and even the leaders of some Islamic countries are intensely fearful of these meetings and relations and therefore prevent them or keep an eye on them. However, some demands of the Islamic Republic of Iran include drawing up correct programs and taking advantage of this appropriate occasion to exchange views and thoughts and to find solutions for the problems of Islamic societies. In taking advantage of this good opportunity, the respected clergymen and officials in charge of hajj publicity should play a constructive role in detailing the experiences of the revolution and the political policies under the auspices of Koranic edicts and the great role of Islam's clergy in the leadership of people and society.

Unfortunately, not only citizens but also clergymen from Islamic countries are unaware, in most cases, of their abilities and constructive and determining role in day-to-day issues and in international policies. They are influenced by material considerations. They think that the influence of the clergy has decreased in the age of civilization, intellect, scientific developments, and material advances -- take refuge in God -- and that Islam is incapable of governing countries. However, thanks be to God, the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran, led by the clergy, has proved that these ideas were wrong. In spite of all the misdeeds, obstacles, and plots perpetrated by the East and the West,and despite the jealousy and spite of their agents, the strength and power of Islam's clergy has manifested itself.

I invite all the ulema, scholars, and intellectuals from throughout the world to travel to the dear Islamic country of Iran at a suitable time and to think about the past condition of this country which was once a Westward-looking nation, empty of all Islamic values and under a monarchical system. They should think about how Iran was becoming a base for shunning Islam, eliminating the consequences and results of the prophet's mission, and destroying the history, culture, and all manifestations of Islam. They should pay attention to the present situation under which the laws and regulations of this country have been determined by God and Islam. All the appearances of blasphemy and polytheism and all obvious weaknesses have been cleared away as much as possible. All this happened despite the sinister cries of the pagans [eltehadi-ha], the left, the right, and the nationalists, cries that were raised during the early days of the revolution's victory in order to ensure that they might take the reins of power and possess the thoughts of the people of Iran. God gave us His blessings and their conspiracy was discovered. The laws and

Islamic programs are now in the process of being implemented throughout our country.

On the battlefields of scientific research centers, universities, and seminaries; from legislative assemblies and the enactment of all civilian and military laws to the executive power, which is engaged in solving the greatest administrative and executive problems of a great country with a population of over 50 million at war and under siege; and from the legislative power, which is responsible for implementing divine laws and securing the safety of the lives, honor, and properties and characteristics of a revolutionary society, to the command of the security and military forces responsible for the internal security of our country and its borders, as well as the neutralization of hundreds of conspiracies — they must prevent crimes and sabotage by the hypocrites and counterrevolutionaries. They must prevent the spread of prostitution and those things which are prohibited, including corruption, theft, murder, and narcotics. All these things are now under the leadership of committed theologians guided by the enlightened objectives of Islam and the heavenly book of the esteemed prophet Mohammad ibn 'Abdollah -- peace be on him and his followers -- and in line with the instructions of God's imams, peace be on them. We thank God that we have been able to rely on the verses sent by God and on God's book to liberate our country from dependence.

Of course, we have a long way to go before we implement all the instructions and regulations of Islam and before all levels of society fully adhere to Islamic principles. However, God willing, we will continue our efforts and endeavors. By our actions we will show all those infatuated with the West and the East, who are afraid of raising the slogan of confidence in Islam and in the Koran, how one can quench society's thirst for guidance from God's book and the leadership of dear Islam.

Thanks be to God, all of these achievements are due to the blessed fact of the ulema dealing with political problems, as well as comprehending divine instructions about current affairs. The point is that the Iranian ulema have not confined themselves to sermons or to explaining ordinary problems. By involving themselves in the most important problems of national and international politics, they have been able to display the strength and management capabilities of clerics of Islam. This ultimatum is for all those who believe in silence, who compromise, who have no commitment, and who peddle science without adhering to what they preach.

It is surprising that so many ulema and clerics of Islamic lands and countries are unaware of their great role and their divine, historic mission in an age when humanity is craving for spirituality and the enlightened instructions of Islam. It is surprising that they do not understand the nations' thirst and their ignorance of the infidelity and the inconstitent spiritual values in human society. It is surprising how they have underestimated their spiritual strength and influence.

Under these seemingly glittering conditions of scientific hegemony and the domination of material civilization over the contemporary generation, the ulema, the Friday prayer leaders, and the Islamic intellectuals can bring the world under the influence and hegemony of the Koran, provided that they have unity and solidarity, a sense of responsibility, and adhere to the heavy duty of guiding and leading the people. They can stop much of the corruption, exploitation, and degradation that befall Muslims. They can prevent the great and small satans from nesting in Islamic countries, particularly the United States.

Instead of writing and speaking nonsense and divisive words, instead of the flattery of tyrant kings, and instead of making oppressed people pessimistic about Islamic problems, they can begin to spread the enlightened instructions of Islam. In this limitless sea of Islamic nations, they can perpetuate both their own glory and the credibility of Mohammad's ummah.

Mosques are the best fortresses and Friday and congregational prayers the best venues for the consolidation and elucidation of Muslims' interests. Although governments and those who are subservient to the superpowers have started a serious battle against the Muslims today and, like the Indian Government, are massacring innocent, defenseless, and valiant Muslims, they would never dare to permanently close the mosques and Muslim houses of worship. They cannot extinguish the light of love and the belief of millions of Muslims.

At the same time, if they close down mosques and put a stop to religious and political gatherings of the ulema of Islam, even if they hang Muslim ulema in public, such actions would be further proof of the innocence of Islam and would attract Muslims to the ulema. Has not God received a pledge from the ulema not to remain silent and quiescent in the face of the tyranny of tyrants and the oppression of the oppressors? Are not the ulema the proof of the prophets and saints here on earth?

Therefore, the ulema, intellectuals, and scholars should rescue Islam and save Islam from the isolation it suffers. They should no longer tolerate degradation and humiliation. They should break the idol of the imposed overlordship of the world devourers and, through farsightedness and wisdom, reveal their own radiant and powerful face. They should expel the two-faced pseudo-clergymen and those who sell their religion for the world. They should expel from their presence and from the ranks of the clergy those who engage in nonsensical talk. They should not tolerate false ulema, the flatterers of tyrants and oppressors, who impose themselves upon the people in place of the spiritual leaders and guides of Islamic ummahs and who misuse the spiritual status and position of the ulema of Islam.

Committed clergymen of Islam should speak out about the great danger threatening Islamic communities through hypocritical and false ulema and court akhunds [a pejorative term to describe a Muslim clergyman], because these ignorant individuals justify the rule of the tyrants and the oppression of the lackey leaders. They forbid the oppressed people from regaining their legitimate rights, and at times even issue decrees declaring that freedom-lovers and those who struggle in the path of God are heretics and infidels. May God save the entire Islamic nation from the evil and darkness of these base individuals who sell their religion.

One very important duty of the ulema, the jurisconsults, and the members of the clergy is to seriously confront the oppressive and corrupt economic cultures of the East and the West and to fight against the policies of capitalist and communist economy in

society. This calamity has afflicted all nations and a new form of slavery has been imposed on them. The majority of the world's people have become subservient to the lords of power and wealth in their daily lives, and the right to make decisions in matters of international economics has been denied to them. Despite vast natural resources and fertile lands, water, seas, and forests, they have been condemned to poverty and destitution while the communists, the wealthy, and the capitalists, by establishing warm relations with the world devourers, have deprived the masses of the right to live and to initiate action. By setting up monopolistic and multinational centers, they have controlled the pulse of world economy and have monopolized all means of export, exploration, distribution, and supply and demand, even pricing and banking. By instilling their own self-made thoughts and research, they have indoctrinated the deprived masses with the idea that they must live under their influence. Otherwise, there is no other way for the barefooted ones to continue their lives except in poverty.

Is it worthy of creation and of human society that the vast majority of hungry people die for want of a slice of bread, while a small minority are afflicted because of overeating, wastefulness, and luxurious living? In any case, these are some of the afflictions which the world devourers have imposed upon humanity.

The Islamic countries have fallen into a pitiful state due to management weakness and dependency. It is the duty of the Islamic ulema, scholars, and experts to propose constructive plans and projects for replacing the incorrect economic system now in force in the Islamic world. These projects would take into account the interests of the deprived and barefooted individuals and would save the Islamic and oppressed world from the present impasse and destitution.

Of course, the implementation of Islamic ideals in the world, especially its economic programs, and the confrontation with sick and corrupt Western capitalism and Eastern communism would be impossible without the comprehensive rule of Islam. Even after the establishment of a system of justice and an Islamic government, as in the Islamic Republic of Iran, one needs time to remove the destructive and evil consequences of those systems. However, to propose plans and to clarify the direction of Islamic economy in protecting the interests of the deprived people and in expanding their participation, Islam's fight against the plunderers would be a great gift and would bring word of men's freedom from the bondage of poverty and destitution.

To say that the rich and the wealthy have no superiority and distinction over the poor in an Islamic government and that they will never be given any priority will certainly pave the way for the flowering and development of the dormant and suppressed capabilities of the barefooted ones. To say that the wealthy should never influence the government, rulers, and managers of an Islamic country,should never make their wealth and property an excuse for ostentation and proud behavior, and should not impose their thoughts and wishes upon the poor, the destitute, and the laborers, would be the best way of involving the people in affairs and in guiding them toward lofty morality and exalted values while shunning flattery. It will even warn the wealthy lest they think that their wealth and material means are proof of their esteem in the sight of God.

To sum up, by saying that in an Islamic government the highest value is attached to the person who is pious, not the person who possesses wealth, means, and power; that all the leaders, managers, administrators, and clergymen in the system of justice are dutybound to have greater contact, friendship, relationship, and love with and for the poor, the destitute, and the barefooted ones than with the wealthy and well-to-do; and that to be on the side of the poor and the barefoot and to regard them as equals and to place one's self on the same level as them as a great honor which is bestowed upon the saints, would be to put an end to the incitement and propaganda of the deviant individuals. Thanks be to God, in the Islamic Republic of Iran, this way of behavior and this attitude is being implemented.

Despite severe economic blockades and a shortfall in income, the respectable gentlemen in charge of Iran have devoted all their efforts to the eradication of poverty in society. It is the wish and aspiration of the nation, the government, and all our country's responsible authorities that poverty will one day be banished from our society and that our dear, enduring, and proud people will be endowed with wealth in both their spiritual and material lives. May God never bring the day when we and our country's responsible authorities adopt a policy of turning our backs on the deprived or turning our attention to support the capitalists so that the rich and the wealthy enjoy a greater degree of credit and attention. May God forbid that! Such an attitude is not in line with the way of life and the tradition of the prophets, the leader of the faithful, and the infallible imams, peace be on them. The sacred and immaculate record of the clergy is immune from such sins and must remain so until eternity. It is a source of pride and blessing for our country, for our revolution, and for our clergy that the clergy have risen in support of the barefoot. They have revived the slogan of defending the oppressed and their rights.

Since the eradication of deprivation is our belief and our way of life, the world devourers have not left us in peace in this regard either. They have drawn the blockade tighter in an effort to make our government and our authorities impotent. They have revealed their vengeance and anger and their fear of our popular and historic movement through thousands of economic and political conspiracies. Undoubtedly, the world devourers are as much afraid of our nation's martyrdom-seeking and self-denying values as they are of the swing of Islam's economy toward protecting the barefoot people. Obviously, the more our country moves toward the eradication of poverty and the defense of the deprived, the more the world devourers will lose hope in us and the more the nations of the world will turn toward Islam. The dear clergy must give their complete attention to this principle. They must preserve for themselves the historic and 1,000-year-old honor of being in contact with the deprived. They must recommend to other authorities and to the people that we should not forget the propensity and pure concentration of the deprived people toward the revolution. We should not forget their support for Islam, nor should we fail to respond to such attitudes.

It is more than obvious that all the levels of our country are participants and shareholders in the revolution. They have all entered the scene for the sake of God and in fulfillment of their divine duties. The main goal is God. They never soil their lofty and divine aspirations with material questions, and they will never leave the scene because of shortages. He who sacrifices his

life and property for the sake of God will never become tired by struggle on account of his stomach or the things of this world. It is our duty, as well as that of all who are involved in administrative affairs, to serve these people and to share in their sorrow, happiness, and problems. I do not believe that there is any service to God which is higher than serving the deprived. In fact, when the barefoot, the slum dwellers, and the low income class of our society have proved their devotion and obedience to Islamic instruction by sacrificing their dear and young ones, by offering all their belongings, and by being present at all times — and, God willing, they will continue to do so — when they offer their heads and their lives for the sake of God, why should we not take pride in serving these pure believers in God and these courageous men of history?

We reiterate that the honor of one hair on the head of these slum dwellers and these people who have offered martyrs exceeds the glory of all those who live in palaces.

While thanking the ulema, the clergy, and the serving and pro-people government, the last point that I would like to make here pertains to the issue of the simple lives and piety of the committed ulema and clergy. At a time when the Almighty has bestowed His bounty on the ulema and clergymen and has turned over to them the administration of a large country and the propagation of the mission of the prophets, I, as an old father, humbly ask all my children and the dear clergy not to step out of their clerical molds and to refrain from being in love with worldly luxuries. This is beneath the dignity of the clergy and the credibility of the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They should avoid these things, for there is no worse calamity or danger for the clergy and for the world than to pay attention to affluence and to move along the road that the world is following. Thanks be to God, the committed clergy of Islam have undergone their piety-seeking test. Who knows, if the sworn enemies of Islam and of the clergy henceforth embark on harming the reputation of these torch-bearers of guidance and injure their credibility with the least of excuses, then, God willing, they will not succeed.

In all fairness, the respected Iranian pilgrims displayed their personalities, intelligence, and sociopolitical growth in the hajj ceremonies of past years and were the cause for the reputation and credibility of the Islamic Republic of Iran being preserved. In addition to paying attention to the practices and religious duties of the pilgrimage, taking advantage of this great gift of visiting holy Mecca and Medina, making pilgrimage to the house of God and the pure shrine of the blessed prophet and to the Baqi' cemetery, and paying homage to the immaculate shrine of the holy Zahra, may God's peace be upon her, and the innocent imams, may God's peace be upon them, the pilgrims this year should also participate in the crushing disavowal march. They should participate in the masses, in the singing of slogans, and in the various programs with solidarity and collaboration. They should benefit from the blessings of this sacred ideological-political gathering which demonstrates the power of the Muslims and of the dear, Islamic country of Iran. With the adoption of a moral, correct, and constructive approach in all hajj ceremonies, especially on the route of the march, with regard to the people of other countries and the officials of Saudi Arabia, they should invite them to participate in these gatherings and impress on them the necessity of doing so. They should refrain from indulging in any kind of activity reflecting personal taste or any other individualistic things which, God forbid, could remove the respect due to this great gathering. They should avoid clashes, insults, and disputes. Although the respected pilgrims will neutralize such plots through their alertness, who knows, some people intent on disrupting the splendor and the scene of the pilgrimage gatherings and in an effort to distort the face of the revolution may embark on some uncalculated and independent moves. Of course, it is unlikely that the government or the Saudi officials,who are the hosts of the pilgrims to the house of God and the shrine of the blessed prophet, would prevent the staging of this show of Islamic and Muslim strength against blasphemy and this political initiative of our nation undertaken for the sake of the pride of the world of Islam and of the Muslims.

In any case, Iranian pilgrims should pay attention to the role of their mission at all stages of the hajj in view of the fact that their behavior and whatever they do will be under the exacting scrutiny of our revolution's friends and enemies. The enemies of the revolution are intent on finding an excuse, however slight, to disrupt the greatness and divine credibility of our country's people. The friends and supporters of the revolution are seeking to become familiar with the methods, path, and characteristics of this nation whose fame, through God's help, is resounding throughout the universe.

The hajj is the best venue for becoming acquainted with Islamic countries and for Muslims to get to know their coreligious and Islamic brothers and sisters from around the world. In that house,which belongs to all Islamic societies and to the followers of Abraham the patriarch, Muslims get together. By setting aside their differences, color, and race, they visit their very first land and home. By abiding by the noble moralities of Islam and by avoiding disputes and luxuries, they will demonstrate the splendor and the beauty of Islamic brotherhood and the vision of the formation of Mohammadan ummah throughout the world.

During their contacts with other Muslims, the esteemed pilgrims of Iran will better understand the value of the spiritual and political achievements of the Islamic Republic of Iran. In the course of knowing and paying attention to the problems and difficulties which have befallen the Islamic nations in various forms, they will discover further dimensions of the magnitude of the revolution and the special blessings of the exalted righteousness and the lord of time, may our souls be his sacrifice. They will acknowledge the blessings of the revolution more than before, appreciating the efforts and hard work of the government and its officials who devote their days and nights in the service of the people. They will praise God for the evolution that has taken place among their youth and the other members of the nation who have guided them to a paradise of strength [salabat], piety, innocence, honor, and salvation in jihad.

O Lord, do not deprive us of the great blessings bestowed on us and our nation; make us appreciate the value of Your blessings. O God, increase our service to you, our sincerity, and our expressions of abjectness and inadequacy in Your presence.

Dear Lord, grant us satisfaction, patience, steadfastness, acceptance, and success in drawing Your blessings to us. Accompany us on the path of serving those who serve you and help us to the

threshold of sacrificing ourselves, our children, and our belongings.

The esteemed pilgrims must never become enmeshed in pride and self-aggrandizement or, God forbid, look down on the actions and behavior of Muslims from other countries with a feeling of superiority or contempt. They must realize the magnitude and extent of their revolution and not deprive themselves of the blessing of meeting with God's friends in holy Mecca or the glorious divine blessings of being humble when meeting with Muslims, the oppressed, and the religious brothers. Strengthen the ties of friendship and allegiance while you are close to the house of God and the resting place of the exalted prophet for the sake of future relations. Recount the traditions of the revolution and the divine blessing to them, assuring all Muslims on my behalf and that of the Iranian nation as a whole that the Islamic Republic of Iran supports and protects them in their struggles and Islamic plans. It is with them side by side in every trench against the aggressors to defend, God willing, their historical rights and those of the present and the future.

Tell them that the honor and prestige of the Islamic Republic of Iran belongs to all Islamic nations and that defending the heroic and brave nation of Iran is, in fact, in defense of all oppressed nations. Relying on God's will, we will break the hands of aggression and oppression in all Islamic countries. By exporting our revolution, a true revolution and a manifestation of Mohammadan decrees, we will end the rule, supremacy, and oppression of the world devourers. We will pave the way, with God's help, for the arrival of the grand saviour and maker of peace and for the absolute and righteous imamate of the lord of the era, may our souls be sacrificed for him.

Among the matters to which the esteemed pilgrims must pay attention is that holy Mecca and the resting places of the martyrs are mirrors of great events in the movement by prophets and Islam, as well as the mission of their revolution and the mission of the exalted prophet. Locations in this domain have been portals for arrival and places to honor the exalted prophets and the Angel Gabriel. They are places to remember the years of hardship and suffering tolerated by the exalted prophet for Islam and humanity.

Remembering the harsh conditions at the time of the mission of the prophet, our presence at these sacred sites and places of martyrdom will further help us to appreciate the gravity of our responsibility to preserve the fruits of this movement and this divine mission. It will remind us that the exalted prophet truly resisted and remained steadfast for the righteous religion and the eradication of darkness even though the prophet and the immaculate imams were alone in their struggle. They did not flinch from the slander of the Abu Lahads, the Abu Jahds, and the Abu Sufians. While suffering the harshest of economic conditions, they followed in the wake of Talib's son without yielding. Having suffered exile and hardship along the path and being invited to follow the almighty, they then took part in repeated and unequal battles to propagate the message of God.

They fought against thousands of plots and acts of sabotage while undertaking efforts to guide the people and to propagate the message. The cliffs, rocks, deserts, alleys, and thoroughfares, as well as the bazaars in Mecca and Medina, are filled with the echoes of their epic missions. If these places were to speak in tongues and were to take the covers off [quotation from the Koran], then the pilgrims to the holy house would appreciate what the prophet of God had to endure in order to guide us and all Muslims toward paradise. They would appreciate how grave the responsibility of his followers is.

In the course of the struggles, the war, and other events associated with the revolution, the martyrdom-seeking Iranian nation and ummah have experienced great hardship and pain and have sacrificed valuable youths and beloved ones on the path of God. Nevertheless, the scale of the persecution and hardships inflicted upon our religious leaders was much greater than that experienced by us.

The honorable pilgrims should convey the sincere greetings of the beloved nation, the hard-working officials, and the esteemed families of the martyrs, the crippled, the POW's, and the missing in action to the holy threshold of the prophet of mercy and to the members of the rightly-guided holy family, peace be upon them. Sincerely and humbly they should pray for greater bounty and grace for these sincere followers and beseech them for the victory of our nation in the war against world blasphemy. They should use that valuable opportunity to pray for all Muslims and for the removal of difficulties.

Oh God, even if no one else knows, You know that we have arisen to unfurl the banner of Your religion. We are confronting the East and the West in order to establish justice and equity in obedience to Your messenger, and we will not hesitate for a moment in pursuing this path.

Oh God, You know that the children of this land, side by side with their parents, are being martyred in order to exalt Your religion. With smiles on their lips and hearts filled with hope and enthusiasm, they are hurrying toward the abode of Your eternal grace.

Oh God, You know that the ummah of Your prophet is faced with all kinds of conspiracies in this land and that the agents of satan both inside and outside the country do not leave them alone. Each day there are greater pressures exerted in an effort to impose further acute economic hardships upon this nation.

Oh God, You know that our people have welcomed hardships and are afraid of no one except You. You know that they will endure all hardships and all pains. They regard all victories as Yours since they are the result of Your assistance. Therefore, assist us with Your renewed bounty and make the hearts of our people hopeful with Your assistance and victory. With Your divine help and with Your hidden legions, make our fighters victorious. Increase our steadfastness and patience in enduring hardships and difficulties and bestow upon us contentment in victory or defeat. Gladden the hearts of our people who, for the sake of Your religion, have sacrificed martyrs, relatives missing in action, wounded families, and prisoners of war, and who have endured the bitterness of separation from their beloved ones in the hope of Your satisfaction and presence. Make all of us lovers of servitude to You and instill within us a desire for You. Quench the thirst of our martyrs with the pure waters of the heavenly

spring [kowthar] of Your prophethood and imamate.

Link our revolution with the revolution of the supreme reformer.

[Signed] Ruhollah al-Musavi al-Khomeyni, 28 July 1987

Cabinet Meets To Discuss Saudi 'Crime'

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — The cabinet ministers, presided over by President 'Ali Khamene'i held an extraordinary session here Saturday morning. The session was also attended by Chief Justice Ayatollah Musavi Ardabili, Majlis speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, and Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi.

The cabinet meeting reviewed and discussed the U.S.-sponsored savage crime of the Saudi police in attacking Iranian hajj pilgrims. Over 200 pilgrims were martyred and several thousands of others injured when Saudi police attacked a peaceful rally of Iranian hajj pilgrims in Mecca, Friday.

Khamene'i Interviewed on 1 Aug Cabinet Meeting

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[Interview with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i by unidentified correspondent following the extraordinary Cabinet meeting in Tehran on 1 August — recorded]

[Text] [Correspondent] Mr President, an extraordinary meeting of the cabinet was held today. Could you comment on the reason for this meeting and in general what topics were discussed?

[Khamene'i] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. The Cabinet meeting today was attended by the executives of the three branches to discuss yesterday's tragic event in holy Mecca, during which a number of Iranian pilgrims in the proximity of the safe haven of the divinity were martyred or injured by those who consider themselves the guardians of Mecca and Medina, as well as of the holy mosques.

The cabinet meeting was called to correctly appraise the various aspects of the incident and to make the necessary decisions concerning it.

I must briefly point out how the incident took place in order to inform the esteemed nation. Although the entire affair is not yet totally clear to us, a delegation is to leave for Saudi Arabia accompanied by a representative of the imam, as well as representatives from the Presidential Office, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Foreign Ministry. This delegation will closely investigate the incidents in order to issue a (?final) report. However, various points have already been clarified with regard to maintaining regular communications.

During the march by Iranian hajj pilgrims, a group of people, who clearly had been previously organized, suddenly attacked Iranian pilgrims with stones and clubs. Following the clashes, the Saudi police entered the scene and, shooting directly into the people, martyred a considerable number of them and injured many others. The number of bodies transferred to the B'etheh of the Imam [Iranian hajj headquarters and prayer site in Mecca] is around 60, but the total of those martyred exceeds that number. We have not yet received a precise figure. Others were injured, and many were beaten. According to the information we have received, even the representative of his excellency the imam has been mistreated and beaten.

As has been mentioned earlier, this incident is unprecedented in the history of the hajj. I cannot remember reading, hearing, or witnessing any similar incident during which a number of pilgrims — among the best pilgrims as observed and witnessed by the world in terms of piety and sincerity in carrying out their hajj rituals — were mistreated in such a manner in the safe haven of the divinity. Of course, this incident was caused by the Saudi police, but we have no doubt that it has wider dimensions. It is a U.S. incident stemming from the anger felt by global arrogance and the United States over recent developments, including the shameful and scandalous defeat dealt the U.S. regime during the Persian Gulf episode.

This is a last-ditch response to the resounding message by the imam and his far-reaching call which most certainly has had and will have a suitable echo throughout the Islamic world. Therefore, this is a U.S. plot and we have no doubts that the United States bears the primary responsibility and is the prime suspect in this incident. Undoubtedly, the Saudi Government must bear responsibility as well, for this incident took place at their hands, by their police, with their undoubted assistance, prior to the event, and with their resources.

The Cabinet meeting today was held to discuss the dimensions of this incident. Various decisions were made which, God willing, will be implemented at the appropriate time. What I must clarify is that the Saudi Government, which bears the responsibility for this incident, must strictly safeguard the lives, honor, and integrity of the hajj pilgrims throughout the remaining part of the hajj rituals. If the slightest incident takes place in the remaining days, then undoubtedly our response will be harsh. We will not tolerate the Iranian hajj pilgrims being exposed to misbehavior or insecurity during these remaining days. The Saudi Government must be vigilant that maximum safety is extended to the Iranian hajj pilgrims at Mina, 'Arafat, Mash'ar, and also at Mecca, and to those residing in the radiant Medina.

[Correspondent] Mr President, noting your comments about Iran's response, will the Islamic Republic make any decisions in this connection that could affect its regional policies?

[Khamene'i] With regard to recent decisions: First, the Islamic Republic of Iran has declared 3 days of mourning throughout the country, beginning today and continuing tomorrow and the day after. The flags of the Islamic Republic of Iran will fly at half-mast at all missions and affiliated offices of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Furthermore, there will be general and large-scale marches throughout the country, the details of which will be announced later.

I take this opportunity to convey my condolences to our beloved

imam. He is the father of this ummah and the beloved father of all hajj pilgrims there. The first person to receive messages of condolence and wishes for health [sar-salamati] must be his excellency, the imam of the ummah. We hope that God will preserve his honorable person. We and our whole nation stand by the message of the revolution. Our nation has made similar sacrifices in the service of the great movement of the revolution and will continue to do so. However, those responsible for such incidents must realize that the revolution is a resolute one, as is the Iranian nation. Since the news reached the nation early this morning, people have been very angry. As the Interior Ministry has reported, this morning in Tehran, from 0700 or 0730, unorganized and spontaneous marches began at 100 locations in the city. The people are showing their extreme anger. The government has issued a statement declaring marches tomorrow and urging the people not to allow misbehavior to take place. God forbid, some people might try to agitate and act without thought to gain something. People will show their presence in the marches tomorrow.

Investigative Delegation Leaves for Saudi Arabia

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni's representative Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad-Reza Tavassoli heading an Iranian delegation left here for Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to investigate the Saudi massacre of Iranian hajj pilgrims.

During its stay in Saudi Arabia, the delegation is to convey condolences of leader of the Islamic Revolution Imam Khomeyni, President Khamene'i and Prime Minister Musavi to head of the Iranian pilgrims Hojjat ol-Eslam Karrubi and survivors of the disaster. The delegation is also to make arrangements for return of the wounded and transfer of the martyred pilgrims to Iran.

Saudi police attacked peaceful 'unity rally' of the Iranian and non-Iranian hajj pilgrims in Mecca Friday massacring hundreds of them.

President Khamene'i's envoy Mojtaba Mir-Mahdi, deputy Prime Minister 'Ali Reza Mo'ayeri and Deputy Foreign minister Javad Mansuri are accompanying the delegation.

Nationwide March Announced 2 Aug; Appeals for Calm

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[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Free and honorable nation of Iran: As you know, once again the criminal hand of the United States has been revealed by its agents. It has rolled a number of revolutionary Muslims and pilgrims to the house of God in blood and dust. The catastrophe of bloody Friday in Mecca, like the catastrophe of the bloody Friday of 8 September 1978 in Tehran, will be recorded as yet another crime by the United States in modern history. From every drop of blood spilled yesterday on the ground close to the house of God in Mecca and close to the Mountain of Light and the Hera Cave, tens of Muslim revolutionaries will arise who, carrying their Korans and their rifles, will defend Islam and the interests of Muslims.

While announcing public mourning for a period of 3 days, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran designates tomorrow as the day for a declaration of solidarity with the aspiration of the martyrs of bloody Friday in Mecca — the marchers of disavowal of infidels — as well as a day for declaring hatred against the crimes of the United States. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran calls for a nationwide march tomorrow. The program for the march will be announced by the mass media later.

Obviously, our well-informed nation will diligently prevent any unplanned action, as well as any action outside of revolutionary discipline. Having done so, it will participate in the march of solidarity with the martyrs of bloody Friday in Mecca.

Meanwhile, the duty of security officials is to prevent any act which stems from pure emotionalism in attacks on embassies. The Islamic councils of industrial plants and Islamic associations must invite their brothers and sisters among their colleagues to hold their tempers, to continue daily work, and to refrain from showing their emotions in any calculated action.

Undoubtedly, the divine hand of vengeance will be revealed by the oppressed and they will reply to the crimes of the United States in Mecca, the Persian Gulf, Palestine, and Lebanon.

Marchers Not To Occupy Embassies

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[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, the Interior Ministry, while inviting people to participate in tomorrow's march, has asked them not to engage in scattered demonstrations or to occupy embassies.

Resolution Read at March

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[Text] According to reports from our correspondents, at the conclusion of the great march by the people of Tehran, a six-point resolution was read. It stressed the immense determination of the martyr-nurturing Iranian ummah until final victory in the imposed war and the uprooting of the plots of oppression are achieved; the continuation along the red road of martyrdom; and the raising of the Islamic flag over the roofs of infidelity, cruelty, and force.

Another part of the resolution states: The historical and destiny-making message of the imam of ummah, the immensity of which has terrorized the palace cronies, has been issued as the charter of the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the world of Islam. It will be activated and will become the guideline for the

eternal Islamic movement until the arrival of a promised Mahdi, may God expedite his gracious advent.

The resolution asserts: We consider the martyrs of holy Mecca and the guests of the house of God, who were bloodied in the secure shrine of God at the hands of American mercenaries and the barbaric Saudi police, to be the flag-bearers of the international Islamic movement to destroy international infidelity and the agents of oppression in Muslim countries. We swear by their pure blood that we will not rest until we have exacted revenge for the clean blood of these dear ones. We invite all aware Muslims and all the ulema and clergy of the Islamic world to concentrate their efforts on liberating the holy shrines of Islam and the temples of the sincere servants of God from the hands of the idolaters and idol-makers of the world and not to allow these Nimrods of the ages to look after the home of his holiness Ebrahim.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Addresses Protest March 2 Aug

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[Address by Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani to a gathering in front of the Majlis building in Tehran at the conclusion of a march on 2 August to protest the killing of Iranian pilgrims in Mecca on 31 July — recorded]

[Text] In the Name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The crime which was perpetrated by U.S. agents in holy Mecca, in the House of God — where any act of violence is forbidden — at the side of God's secure house on Friday near sunset, is so vile and so momentous that one does not know what to call it, where to start, and where to end. In the future, we will have plenty of time and many listeners to talk to about this calamity. During this emotional and tense situation, I do not think that it is appropriate to begin with an introduction; therefore, I will go directly to the heart of the matter.

First, I wish to note that in order to find something to say to this gathering, no matter how much I tried to find a precedent or another incident similar to this crime and this calamity, I was not able to find one. Without doubt, we should regard this crime as unique in the history of humanity. We should place the names of the plotters of this crime — Western arrogance, especially the United States — and the perpetrators of this crime — who are the vile rulers of Al Sa'ud — at the head of the list of criminals and vile tyrants of history.

Let me elaborate this point. Please understand that the main thrust of my talk today is to demonstrate and clarify the fact that this crime and calamity, in all its dimensions and special characteristics, is unprecedented in the history of the world. I wish to draw Muslims' attention to the depth of this crime so that they can take the necessary steps with regard to this calamity.

First of all, try to understand the nature of this incident; try to envisage the scene. Fortunately, the incident took place in such a way that no matter how the imperialist media tries, it will not be able to cover up the truth. The events took place in front of the eyes of hundreds of thousands of individuals. When one compares this incident with the crimes of major criminals of history like Hitler, the Mongols, and the criminals who are today's world leaders — even the crimes of the United States in Vietnam and other places — one sees that this crime is more terrible than all others.

The victims of this crime were a large number of pilgrims to the holy house of God, the guests of God in the house of God and on the secure premises of God. Those who perpetrated this crime are the very people who have called themselves the custodian of the two holy mosques and who have adopted the title of the host of God's guests. Hundreds of thousands of individuals were marching in the hot sunshine of holy Mecca, in the host streets of Mecca. This huge crowd was suffering under the extreme heat of the sun, the heat rising from the ground, and all those oppressive factors which could put them under pressure. The slogans raised by those individuals had nothing to do with Saudi leaders as leaders of that country, even if these slogans concerned their masters and their supporters. However, their slogans were different from those claimed by the Saudis. They were chanting "Death to America," "Death to Israel," and "Death to arrogance." They were not even chanting "Death to reactionaries," a slogan the Saudis take personally. They were talking of arrogance, Israel, and Zionism, and of the warmongers of the region. The slogans were purely human and Islamic. The crowd had no offensive weapons and used no form of offensive language to the Saudi rulers, who have the responsibility of keeping order in Mecca and hosting the pilgrims. The majority of the crowd was composed of oppressed people from Iran, from Africa, and from Asian countries, devout Arabs from Islamic countries, the deprived and struggling, and the committed people of Afghanistan.

In such a situation a nonviolent, peaceful, and calm demonstration was held in accordance with the immortal message of his holiness the imam.

In his message, his holiness the imam had graciously advised the pilgrims of God's house to strive to maintain order, depriving the saboteurs from finding any excuses. The imam's representative in Mecca invited the people to observe calm and order. The people were moving toward the house of God in Mecca in order to get there for evening prayers. Imagine this scene in your mind to help you understand the assault carried out by the Saudi rulers. What was the objective of so much cruelty against the crowd? We can see the executive hands of the Saudi rulers. However, we have no doubt that this incident, this tragedy, could not have taken place without the orders and special demand of the superpower, the United States. Certainly the Saudis have calculated and realized that this tragedy could uproot them and disgrace them in history, so much so that they would never be able to raise their heads. Therefore, the United States, like a master ordering a servant, forced them to carry out this crime. Regardless of who perpetrated the crime, Saudi Arabia cannot exonerate itself as agent and executioner. While seeking revenge against the main cause, we will never forgive the crime of the Saudis. [shouts of approval from the audience]

I thought for a moment of comparing this incident with the bloody Black Friday of 8 September 1978, but I realized that there is a lot of difference between this tragedy and that carried

out by the Pahlavi dynasty, the friends of Fahd. The massacre of the people was deeply tragic at that time, but the circumstances were different. In Iran, the people had gathered to demonstrate against the shah and the Pahlavi court, and he confronted the people who opposed him. In Saudi Arabia, however, the people who were subjected to aggression were guests of the Saudi court. They were the guests of God there. They were chanting slogans against those states that even the Saudis chant slogans against, although they do not really mean it. Anti-Israeli slogans, such as "Death to Zionism," and inviting the people to unity are something that even the Saudis repeat on the surface. When the shah committed his crime here, it was because he saw that the people were openly chanting the slogan of "Death to the Shah." It was a clash, a war, between truth and falsehood. The shah ordered his troops to stop the people. However, what reason did Saudi Arabia have for confronting the people in this way? Why did they fire on the people? Moreover, large pieces of concrete, bricks, and other materials were thrown at the heads of the crowd by the Saudi officers. How can the two tragedies be compared?

I thought that the incident most comparable with this crime would be the atrocities of Dayr Yasin in Palestine. When the Palestinians [as heard] usurped parts of Palestine, they gathered the people of Dayr Yasin in order to intimidate the Palestinians and force them to flee. They separated the men from the women and before the eyes of the women, they opened fire on the men. Later, they put the women in trucks and took them around to different towns. In that incident, there were the terrorist Israeli rulers on the one side and on the other the Palestinians who were fighting the usurpers. It was a scene of battles, a scene of clashes. On one side wasIsrael; on the other side were the Palestinians. Despite all the censorship imposed at that time, the issue of Dayr Yasin shook the world and put the supporters of Israel in an embarrassing situation for a long time.

However, is the impact of that incident of bloody Black Friday in Mecca the same as the other incident? Here, they are the guests of God, the guests of the Saudi rulers, the guests of the ruler who has hypocritically called himself the custodian of the two holy mosques.It involves people to whom he has committed himself to ensure their security; people who have paid the Saudis to provide for their welfare needs; people who, having been given visas, the Saudis have promised to protect; and people who were chanting slogans for the liberation of Israel, the liberation of Arab countries, the liberation of Afghanistan, and the liberation of Islam, which the Saudi leaders and the reactionaries at least in appearance falsely support. Under such circumstances, can that incident be compared with the Dayr Yasin incident?

One discerns that there are indications of comprehensive planning aimed at massacring the Iranian pilgrims, as well as those accompanying them, in the demonstrations. As the imam's envoy told us in a statement — and news reports have confirmed — all the entrances and exits had been sealed off. All the side streets had been blocked so that no one could escape. When the assault began, there were only two routes through which it was possible to escape. These two routes were used by Saudi forces. The front ranks of the demonstrators were mostly women, the disabled, and the self-sacrificing individuals [the disabled]. In the rear were officials and responsible individuals. The assault took place on both sides. The Saudi executioners, who had already stationed themselves on rooftops and at windows overlooking the arena, attacked the unarmed demonstrators with everything they had available. They threw stones, they threw pieces of wood, and they threw molotov cocktails and incendiaries. There were security officials among the crowd, carrying cold steel, who were beating up the people. As for those on the sidelines, they were firing on them as well, not aiming, just using machineguns.

They also deployed CS-gas [gas-e khafeh konandeh], a gas which is not used, which has never been permitted to be used anywhere in the world. They used this gas instead of tear gas to disperse the crowd. They meant to disperse the crowd. Tear gas is used so that the people may disperse. However, the crowd had no way to escape because the Saudis had blocked the two exits. This CS-gas was used solely to frighten the people and to kill them.

Regarding the injured left on the ground and those who were trampled, after the crowd had dispersed to some extent and a rescue team had arrived to take the wounded away, the Saudis, instead of allowing them to leave the scene, opened fire on the ambulances, hitting them as well.

All indications, all reasons, all the incidents which took place point to the fact that the Saudis had planned this with the aim of embarking on a massacre. The Saudi guards even attacked the houses, used CS-gas there, and in some cases even fired shots inside the homes of some of the families from Mecca who had pitied the people and given them refuge. Where can you find a similar incident? Why did such an incident, with such dimensions take place? Why? What did Saudi Arabia and the United States — the planner — have in mind by perpetrating this incident? What objective did they have in mind by resorting to such a ruthless act?

Clearly, one reason is the disgraceful defeat suffered by the United States in the Persian Gulf, the disgrace brought about following the irreparable clandestine trip to Iran of the U.S. mission, and the ensuing events taking place right now in the United States. There is also the saga of the USS frigate *Stark* and, worst of all, the most disgraceful event in U.S. military history, which happened during the escorting of the Kuwaiti ships under the U.S flag. The final straw was the humiliating crash of a U.S. helicopter in the Persian Gulf, which took place 1 day before the incident. These humiliations forced the United States to create a tragic incident in the world involving the Islamic Republic of Iran. Where better than a place next to the Persian Gulf? The United States needs incidents of this nature. However, one must not think that this plot, designed by the United States, will serve their purposes in the long run. We shall see what is going to happen to them later. At any rate, the United States needed this tragedy.

There was no place in the world more suitable for them than Saudi Arabia, the Holy Ka'ba, and the house of God. It was in there that 150,000 unarmed, defenseless Iranian pilgrims and tens of thousands of the friends of Iranian Muslims, with empty hands, were at the disposal of the Saudi rulers and executioners. It was there that they could perpetrate such a crime. From their point of view, the time was right and the place was right. That place was outside the reach of Iranian defensive forces, the Muslims of the world, and armed revolutionary forces, while the

Saudis had a free hand to do whatever they wanted. However, they did not think about the consequences. They thought that that day would be the only day, in an effort to divert the attention of world public opinion from the U.S disgrace, in order to deliver a blow at the Islamic revolution in retaliation for the blows which had been delivered at the United States in Tabas, in Lebanon, in the Persian Gulf, and in the arena of international politics by the Islamic revolution of Iran. They acted in this manner in order to answer the very great and epoch-making message of the leader of the revolution and imam of the ummah, which had shaken the foundations of the reactionary and arrogant governments. They needed such an incident. However, as in other cases, they acted foolishly and committed a very big mistake. The Saudi rulers were good agents for such an act. The past history of the Wahhabis in the Peninsula and of the Saudis was well known to their masters who had planned this crime.

In their short history the Saudis have engaged in great bloodshed compared with similar movements such as theirs. They have compiled a record of great massacres in Mecca itself, in Medina, in the villages near Mecca and Medina, in Khaybar, in Ahsa and in the eastern part of Saudi Arabia, in Karbila and Najaf. They have destroyed educational institutions, set fire to libraries, destroyed historical Islamic buildings, including those which had survived since the time of the Prophet in Medina, very precious houses which were of great Islamic and cultural value from the time of the prophets, the caliphs and down the entire course of Islamic history.

During their history, the Saudi rulers have demonstrated that in view of the special slogans which the Wahhabi executioners placed in front of their soldiers, they would commit any kind of crime. I ask you to pay more attention to the history of that evil clique so that you can see what kind of creatures they have been during their history.

The United States decided that these people would be suitable individuals to carry out this massacre. No one else except the Saudis would think of subjecting the guests of God at the house of God in holy Mecca to such violent attacks and such crimes. The planning of such a crime can only be the work of an arrogant power such as the United States, and it could only have been implemented by those who have such a black history behind them. They committed this crime. It is neither their first crime nor their last, but it is their most vile crime of all time.

Now, what do you think will be the reaction of the Islamic world, of the free world, of the intellectuals of the world, the writers of the world, the news centers of the world, international conferences, human rights centers, the United Nations, and others who are deceiving the people with such demagogic titles? How do you think they will treat this incident? Even now it is clear. Since last night, when Saudi Arabia gained control of its nerves and started its propaganda programs, international news agencies have dishonestly turned the situation around. They are saying that Iranian pilgrims blocked the way to the Ka'ba to other pilgrims and there were some clashes. The Saudi forces intervened to restore order. They are citing figures, saying that during the incident some Iranian pilgrims were martyred and some of the Saudi police and some non-Iranian pilgrims were killed.

Everyone knows that the Iranian pilgrims did not lift a finger. The representative of the imam and other officials issued orders telling them not to provide the aggressors and the mischief-makers with an excuse. They know that they did not even engage in self-defense. As the figures will show, everyone knows that women constituted the majority of the martyrs and injured, veiled ladies who could not even engage in self-defense. Some of the crippled were martyred and injured. They were in their wheelchairs at the side of the crowd or in front of the crowd. Saudi Arabia falsely claims that a number of their guards — 80 or so — were also killed. This has provided food for propaganda loudspeakers. Certain individuals like Shah Hassan [King Hassan of Morocco], Shah Husayn [King Husayn of Jordan], and Shah Saddam [President Saddam Husayn] are leading those who support the crime of Saudi Arabia. They are congratulating him on committing such a crime.

Now, what are the mass media of the world going to do? There were hundreds of thousands of eyes which witnessed the incident. They will return to their towns. They have witnessed this incident. They have seen the torn pieces of the bodies of Iranian pilgrims trampled under foot. They have seen the wheelchairs, the chadors [black garment which covers the body of women], the scarves, and the clothes of the martyrs all over the streets. They have seen the streets drenched with the martyrs' blood. They heard the repeated sound of machinegun fire. The dishonorable Saudis still claim that they did not fire a shot. When one is beyond shame, one can act in this way.

How does the world wish to deal with this issue? I have no doubt that Saudi banks throughout the world have opened their doors to newspapers, radios, television, and the mercenary writers of the world, in order to touch up that vile and filthy face. Today, all the news media and propaganda agencies are going through a test. The reporters of the world, the newspapers of the world, the magazines of the world, the mass media, news agencies, speakers, and announcers are all faced with an important test. Do you wish to cover up the ugly spots of that vile face, or do you wish to transmit part of the facts to the people? With the money and bribes you receive you might try to cover up that crime. However, you should know that those who witnessed the incident will not remain silent when they return to their towns, except those who have been bought or intimidated by the United States. However, this is not an incident which can be covered up in the world.

From now on, the Mecca Bloody Friday, the Friday before the feast of sacrifice, will be marked as a remembrance day for the martyrs' demonstrations — Muslim demonstrations — in Mecca. It will be marked as an international and free rostrum from which the people will hear the crimes committed by the Al-Sa'ud rulers and the global arch satan. They will realize how far these criminals are prepared to go simply to cover up their mistakes.

The entire world awaits a response from the United Nations. It waits to see what human rights organizations will do. How will the Islamic Conference Organization respond? What will the Islamic ulema do? How will the world clergy respond? The issue goes beyond the martyrdom of several Iranians, Afghans, and Lebanese. The problem is their insult to the sanctity of God's

house. They have blatantly violated God's word which says: Anyone entering here [Mecca] is immune from harm. In this place one should not destroy even a fly in the manner that the Muslim people were treated and destroyed. No one should receive so much as a scratch in this place, least of all at the hands of those who claim to be the custodians of God's house. The people await news of the fate of those who showed so much disrespect for the sancities of Islam, so much discourtesy against the history of Islam, and those who created such unprecedented tragedy in the Ka'ba in front of the movie cameras. The people wait to hear the world's reply to the victims' cries which filled the Saudi Arabian air. The news media, political forums, various conference organizations, and the sinister Persian Gulf Cooperation Council should find an answer to this tragedy, particularly the latter, because if the Council fails to exonerate itself, it might be considered a partner in this crime. Do they think that the problem is solved because several kings approve Fahd's action? The decision on this issue will be made by 1 billion Muslims. The house of God does not belong to the Saudis; it is not an exclusive property of the Arabs. The house of God, Ka'ba, belongs to all Muslims.

On the occasion of this grave tragedy, I first offer condolences to our dear leader because I know that his kind heart is depressed. His holiness is fond of his revolutionary children, the children of this revolution; he likes them above his own children. I know how he feels. I realize that his holiness, with his great patience, has seen many tragedies during his lifetime. I offer condolences to his holiness and offer congratulations to the families of the martyrs. They have gained great honor. Your children, your husbands, your mothers and sisters all went to visit the house of God. They went beyond the house and visited its owner. They flew directly from the warm streets of Mecca to the high heavens and joined other saints of God. They gained the rank of other martyrs and became God's guests. Their blood and their achievements will be registered in history. You, their familes, should not be upset. Congratulate yourselves for being given such an honor. The imam, in his first historic message, began his speech with the following sentence: Anyone who leaves his house to visit the house of God and His prophet will gain the status of martyrs if he dies during the trip, and he will be rewarded by God. It seems as if our dear imam was speaking for these martyrs. These martyrs are true examples of this sacred verse. They are the true pilgrims. Their hajj rituals have been accepted by God. Their visit has been accepted. No doubt, God Almighty shall avenge their blood.

A noble verse in the Koran says: All people visiting Ka'ba are equal to God. They are the same to God, be they Arabs, Persians, blacks, whites, yellow- or red-skinned people. God Almighty also says: If someone treats another harshly here and if someone commits a crime, he will be subjected to the wrath of God and His severe punishment. O God! You know the Americans and the Saudi Arabian rulers violated the sanctity of Your house. You know they committed a crime at the place where You warned people against harming others. You know those Muslims who chanted the slogans "Death to the United States," and "Death to Israel" sought nothing else in that hot weather but to please You. O God! You must, therefore, avenge the blood of these martyrs, these innocent dear ones, in accordance with Your promise. God, you must avenge the blood of these martyrs, these dear ones, as You have promised us. As soldiers of God, as individuals carrying out God's orders, we feel dutybound to avenge the blood of these martyrs from both the United States and Saudi Arabia. By revenge we mean that 10 times the number of our martyrs must be killed from amongst the murderers.

What we mean by revenging the blood of the martyrs is to uproot the Saudi rulers in the region. [shouts and chants of "God is Great" and "Death to the United States"] The revenge for the sacred blood will be to divest the control of the holy shrines and holy mosque from the contaminated existence of the Wahhabis, these hooligans, these malignant people. [chants and slogans]

The true revenge is to remove the colossal and precious wealth belonging to the Islamic world which lies under the soil of the Arabian Peninsula, in the southern part of the Persian Gulf, from the control of criminals, the agents of colonialism. This wealth should be used to benefit Muslims, Islam, and for the greatness of the Islamic world in fighting infidels, paganism, and arrogance. [shouts of approval] This actually began on the evening of the day before yesterday. No one can stop this movement any longer. If the earthly people have no patience, then those wayfarers on God's path and soldiers must remain patient and calm. They must plan carefully in order to achieve the sacred goals of Islam. By pushing them along this path, this obscure narrow path chosen by these hooligans and evil people, we shall send them to hell and certain death, God willing. [shouts of "Death to the United States and Saudi Arabia"]

On behalf of the state authorities, on behalf of his holiness the imam and the Majlis deputies, I thank you, the great vigilant ummah, who have created an epic in Tehran's streets today. I also thank the entire nation in other regions of the country who organized similar marches, as reports have indicated. I call on all friends of Islam throughout the world to prepare themselves for a genuine revenge against the main perpetrator of this tragedy in an appropriate war and by means of correct Islamic objectives. God bless you all. We thank all of you. I bring you good news at the conclusion of my speech: In response to the Saudi rulers, Saddam, and the United States, your fighters launched victorious operations last night and today. Return to your homes and hear the news of the war from your radio sets.

Hajj Leader Karrubi Details Clashes in Mecca

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[Interview with Hojjat ol-Eslam Karrubi, leader of Iranian hajj pilgrims, by unidentified correspondent in Mecca on 1 August — recorded]

[Excerpts] [Correspondent] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Yesterday, Friday, (?some pilgrims) in holy Mecca were dragged in blood and dust by Saudi Government security forces and police, who savagely attacked Iranian and non-Iranian pilgrims. We met this morning with his excellency the imam's representative at the holy mosque and asked him about the events which have taken place.

[Karrubi] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

In past years the unity and disavowal march has always been held in a desirable manner while security forces and the Hezbollah ummah have cooperated to prevent even the slightest incidents from occurring. The Saudi security officials and [words indistinct] have admitted that our forces did everything that they should. Thus, last year the march began here and ended in peace [words indistinct]. [passage omitted on last year's march]

We held discussions with Saudi officials, particularly concerning the hajj and pilgrimage, during which the deputy head and the head of the Secretariat of the Hajj and Endowment Ministry sat with officials here to discuss the route which eventually was decided. [repetitive passage omitted] The march began at the time and in the manner (?decided earlier). [passage indistinct]

After the march began and we had covered some distance, it became obvious that a clear and calculated plan to stage a confrontation was imminent. First, many were (?Ba'thists). Second, a group of police officers in plain clothes and some selected officers acted simultanously in throwing many things such as stones, bits of wood and glass, and some carved and prepared pieces of timber from a certain building (?and a bridge). People did not respond, since many women, [words indistinct] families of martyrs, and old men were among the marchers and some were leading the marchers. Without any response, the people called out God is great.

Then the police began baton charges, along with plainclothes police officers using clubs and stones. There were trucks full of clubs, which returned with more. Following the attacks, shooting began and people were unable to resist, having been told not to resist. I myself was in contact with the people, telling them not to respond and just to call out "God is great" and run. Naturally, following increased pressure from outside the ranks of the march, which martyred a number of people and injured another group, the women and selfless people slowed their pace. Other people retreated in order not to crush the women and to open an exit [words indistinct]. However, we suddenly noticed that the rear had been blocked completely, while the beatings and pushing and shoving continued. They were hitting everybody right in front of the holy Mosque to the Be'theh [Iranian hajj headquarters]. [repetitive passage omitted]

In the midst of the shooting and beating at the end of the march, tear gas was released. [repetitive passage omitted] The only escape routes for the people were some buildings belonging to non-Iranian pilgrims who had cleared the way for them to enter and receive attention, although Saudi statements and the criminal, lying, and two-faced Saudi officials spoke of clashes with the people. [repetitive passage omitted] No incidents would have taken place if Saudi Arabia had kept away. Second, Saudi Arabia began its operation in a predetermined manner and without any intention to disperse. Otherwise, it would have used water or would have fired in the air. [passage indistinct]

[Correspondent] In conclusion, could you inform us of the present situation [words indistinct] and the morale of the people?

[Karrubi] People have very high morale. [repetitive passage omitted] They all come to me and ask what they can do and urge me to convey their message of resolute preparedness. [passage omitted] We have been recommending that, in accordance with the decree by the imam for nonconfrontation, they should not utter a word even if hit on the head. Morally speaking, the people are ready. [passage indistinct]

Offers 'Congratulations' to Khomeyni

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[Message from Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahdi Karrubi, leader of Iranian Hajj Pilgrims, to Ayatollah Khomeyni on 1 August -- read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. To the sacred presence of the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Grand Ayatollah Imam Khomeyni, may your esteemed shadow be everlasting.

On the basis of their religious duty and a feeling of religious mission, the honorable pilgrims of Iran and the great guests of God and his prophet, along with other brothers and sisters who have gathered at the holy shrines from all over the world, following the holding of their glorious unity march in Medina, assembled at the great Mecca. After reading and listening to Your Excellency's important and historic message, they began to march toward the house of God in an peaceful and orderly manner, shouting "Death to America," "Death to the Soviet Union," and "Death to Israel." They expressed their disavowal and hate of the ringleaders of infidelity and polytheism.

With great regret, the mercenary Saudi rulers attacked the ranks of God's guests; they broke the sanctity of the sacred place. They thus violated the security of Ka'ba and the house of God, killed hundreds with bullets and tear gas, and injured and beat thousands. They extended the limits of audacity to a point where they subjected the injured and their relatives to invasion at the hospitals. They also fired at ambulances carrying the injured and the martyrs.

The barbaric attack of the Saudi regime, which could not have taken place without the coordination and inspiration of the criminal United States, is clear evidence that this regime is a stooge of the Black House — the Black House which these days demands blood to compensate for its military defeats and political scandals.

Conveying to Your Excellency the greetings and prayers of hundreds of thousands of Iranian and non-Iranian pilgrims, as well as extending to Your Excellency the congratulations and condolences on the occasion of the martyrdom, I assure Your Excellency that our people have stood up with strength and with full resistance. We will insist, to the last person and to the last drop of our blood, on our right path and divine principles. We are ready to offer our lives generously to our God at the temple of love and the sacred place of salvation. I pray for health and longevity from Almighty God for the dear Imam; and I pray to God for victory for the combatants of Islam, health for the injured, salvation for the martyrs, patience for their survivors, and preservation of the interests and well being of the ummah of Islam. Peace be to you, and may God's mercy and blessing be

upon you.

[Signed] Mahdi Karrubi, 1 August 1987

Khomeyni Sends Message to Hajj Pilgrims
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[Text] In a message sent in reply to his envoy, Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Mahdi Karrubi, the imam's envoy and the supervisor of the Iranian pilgrims, Imam Khomeyni addressed the pilgrims to the house of God:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. And those who emigrated in God's way and were slain or died, God shall provide them with a fair provision and surely God is the best of providers. [Koranic verse]

Your Excellency Hojjat ol-Eslam Haj Sheykh Mahdi Karrubi: I have received your message of steadfastness and innocence and those of our pilgrims who are more precious to us than life, a message sent from the oppressed Ka'ba and the blood-stained house of God.

Please convey my sincere greetings and the greetings of the entire Iranian nation to all the dear ones who were the target of assault and impudence by the mercenaries of the arch satan — the criminal United States — when they were staying near their own houseand the secure house of God. This great event not only saddened and hurt the feelings and sensitivites of the Iranian nation, but it certainly saddened and hurt the hearts of all freedom-loving people in the world and the Islamic nations.

However, these incidents are not unexpected nor surprising to a great and heroic nation like the dear people of our country, who have experienced the years of pre- and postrevolution; who have unmasked the plots and conspiracies of U.S. lackeys, like the shah and Saddam, in attacking Imam Husayn's mourners; and who have experienced the burning of the Koran and mosques. Consequently, it is not surprising to see the contaminated hands of the United States and Israel emerging from the sleeves of devious people, the ringleaders of Saudi Arabia, and the traitors to the two holy shrines, and then to see them aim at the hearts of the best Muslims, the dear ones, the guests of God. It is not surprising to see those who lay claim to guarding Mecca and the house of God drenching Mecca's streets and side streets with the blood of Muslims.

We are extremely saddened and mourn this unprecedented massacre of Mohammad's ummah — peace be upon him and his progeny — and the disciples of Abraham and the adherents of the Holy Koran. However, thanks be to God, He has chosen our enemies and the opponents of our Islamic policy from among the unwise and the ignorant. They themselves did not even realize that their blind movements would strengthen and publicize our revolution; that these actions would show the innocence of our nation; and that they have at every stage enhanced our ideology and our country. If we were to use hundreds of propaganda methods, if we were to send thousands of missionaries and clerics to the various corners of the world to distinguish the true boundaries between genuine Islam and Americanized Islam, if we were to distinguish between a just government and the rule of the lackeys claiming to be protecting Islam, we could not have achieved it so beautifully.

If we were to unmask the ugly faces of the U.S. puppets and then prove that there is no difference between Mohammad Reza Khan [former shah], the pro-U.S. Saddam, and the reactionary rulers of Saudi Arabia in fighting Islam and their opposition to the Koran, that all of them are U.S. servants assigned to destroy mosques, altars, and responsible for extinguishing the flames of the justice-seeking cries of nations, we could not have achieved these things so beautifully.

Moreover, if we were to prove to the Islamic world that the present custodians of the Ka'ba are incompetent and unable to host God's soldiers and guests and that they are incapable of doing anything but serving the interests of the United States and Israel and handing over their country's resources to them, we could not have enunciated it so eloquently.

If we had wanted to prove to the world that the Saudi Government, these vile and ungodly Saudi's, are like daggers which always pierce the heart of the Muslims from the back, we would not have been able to do it as well as was demonstrated by these inept and spineless leaders of the Saudi Government. Truly, these inheritors of Abi Sufyan and Abi Lahab [two Arab opponents of the prophet], these wayfarers on the path of Yazid [the man who was caliph when Imam Husayn was killed in Karbila], have made a hero of them and the rest of their ancestors.

Thanks be to God, the Islamic Republic of Iran has found numerous friends among the pilgrims to the house of God from various nationalities, races, and countries, including Arabia itself. We have gained many faithful and sincere helpers who will witness to our truthfulness, broadcast the dimensions of the bloody massacre of Muslims at the hands of the custodian of the two holy mosques, and report the bitter facts of the day of that incident to the world.

How opportune it was that immediately after the incident and at a time when the bodies of our beloved ones were still lying on the ground, Saddam and the Jordanian Husayn and Moroccan Hassan, in support of Al Sa'ud's crime announced their solidarity, as though Arabia had conquered a great fortress. How opportune it was that by massacring hundreds of defenseless Muslim men and women, using machineguns on them, and walking over their pure bodies, it achieved a great military victory that they could congratulate one another about. The truth is that the world is mourning this calamity and the heart of the Seal of the Prophets is broken.

Who does not know that resorting to force and bayonets, embarking on an armed onslaught against the pilgrims of the house of God, making all those preparations, and finding empty excuses to clash with men and women, the disabled, and the mothers and wives of martyrs would evoke the desperation, anger, and weakness of the United States and the hopelessness and feebleness of its lackeys.

It is certainly true that the United States and Arabia have taken

advantage of the fact that the Muslims were unarmed in the house of God where force is forbidden. They have taken advantage of the respect shown by the faithful for the teachings of the Koran, and the fact that the faithful shunned violence near the house of God. Using premeditated means and careful plans, they engaged in a dastardly attack on the ranks of our lion-hearted men and women and caught them unaware.

The Saudi Government should certainly know that the United States has placed a blot of shame upon its brow which will never be cleansed, not even by the Day of Judgment, even if washed with the waters of Zamzam [a holy well in Mecca] and Kowthar [a holy fountain in paradise]. The blood which has flowed from the great ocean of our nation upon the land of Hijaz [the old name for Arabia] has become a Zamzam for the thirsty people of Islamic policy. The future nations and generations will satisfy their thirst there and the oppressors shall drown and die in it.

We hold the United States responsible for all these crimes. God willing, at an opportune time we shall deal with it, thus avenging the children of Abraham on the Nimrods, the satans, and mammons. Once again, I announce that all this is the price we pay for neither Eastern nor Western sovereignty and for our independence, freedom, and desire for Islam.

Now I wish to take this opportunity and refer to one of the verses of the Holy Book where it says: Do ye make the giving of drink to pilgrims or the maintenance of the Sacred Mosque equal to the pious service of those who believe in God and the last day, and strive with might and main in the cause of God? They are not comparable in the sight of God, and God guides not those who do wrong.

It seems that this holy verse has been revealed today and it seems that it has been revealed for the benefit of Al Sa'ud and its ilk throughout history and for the struggling and great Iranian nation and the pilgrims to the house of God at the present time, and those like them in previous ages.

Throughout history have not the Sa'udis compared their worth before God as those in charge of providing water for the hajj pilgrims and repairing the holy Mosque of Mecca with the value of those Muslims who believe in God and the Day of Judgment and are sacrificing their blood and that of their combatant youth for the sake of God to repulse the enemies of God who intend to violate the sanctity of Islam and Almighty God? Have not the present day Sa'udis gone beyond the limits of their duties and are they not condescending toward other Muslims? Have they not, by their treatment of God's warriors, exonerated the world-devouring United States of America, their master? It is interesting that in a Koranic verse Almighty God has stressed the importance of believing in God and the Day of Judgment, but among all Islamic and human values, he has chosen the struggle against the enemies of God and humanity as the most important virtue of mankind. Here, God has instructed all Muslims that the value of jihad is above all other values. When Almighty God says [in the Koran] that God will not direct the tyrants, do not His words mean that He considers the Saudis of the present era and those throughout their entire history as nothing more than tyrants who cannot be guided in any way? God will not guide them.

Can anyone imagine a crime more horrific than oppression and cruelty against truth, the people and the Prophet of God and the great ummah of the last apostle of allah; that is, the crime committed by the Al Sa'ud family in the course of their disrespect for the Ka'ba, the secure divine house, and God's warrior pilgrims, who sacrificed all their belongings and lives for the sake of God and the inspirations of Islam? Are God's warriors, who in accordance with Almighty God's instructions were chanting the cry of disavowal against the infidels, more guilty than the Al-Sa'ud family and their gods, Shah Hassan, Shah Husayn, Husni Mubarak, and the 'Aflaqi Saddam? And can silence about this act of tyranny, unprecedented throughout history, be interpreted as anything but approval of this crime and an endorsement of the actions carried out by the tyrants and oppressors? In any case, the Al Sa'ud family is not worthy of being in charge of the hajj and Ka'ba affairs. The ulema, the Muslims, and the intellectuals should think of an alternative.

This year, the honorable Iranian pilgrims used their blood as ink to deliver the message of their revolution and their disavowal to the world and the ummah of Islam. By offering great martyrs to Almighty God, they became the builders of a neither East nor West policy in God's Ka'ba. The great nation of Iran, by honoring the memory of the martyrs, by attending the marches in their million masses, and by raising the cry of disavowal of infidels, particularly against the Al Sa'ud family, have fulfilled their divine and revolutionary duty. At this point, I deem it necessary to pay tribute to all of them, all the strata and brothers and sisters for their extensive presence.

Now it is up to the pilgrims of other countries, particularly the ulema, intellectuals, and orators to convey the message of our grievance to the world. God willing, the honorable Iranian pilgrims will, through patience and steadfastness, continue the rest of their religious rituals. God willing, they can celebrate the martyrdom near the house of God and the victory of blood over sword with their smiling faces, hearts full of satisfaction, and strong steps.

Those individuals who go to holy Medina should convey the message of the blood-stained martyrs of the Ka'ba and the wounded victims of the house of God to the Prophet of God and the imams, peace be upon them all. They should offer congratulations to the prophet and imams for their great success. They should continue their path with courage and self-confidence and interpret the difficulties imposed upon them by the United States and Arabia as a struggle in service of God and the defense of the prophet. They should be grateful that Almighty God has accepted the sacrifices offered by this great nation, the same as the gifts and sacrifices offered by Isma'il and Hajar [the prophet Isma'il and his mother who offered the son as a sacrifice to God].

May Almighty God give the same rank to our martyrs that he gave to the martyrs of the early Islamic era! May He grant patience to their families and good health to the wounded and bereaved! May He return the harm and ill-intentions of the aggressors! May He punish them with his wrath! I beseech Almighty God at this particular juncture, when the entire world of blasphemy and infidels have joined hands with firm resolve to defeat the ummah of Islam by employing all their means, to protect us in His strong fortress and under His mercy and

kindness. May Allah's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you all!

[Signed] Ruhollah al-Musavi al-Khomeyni, 1 August 1987

Leaders' Reaction to Violence in Mecca

Khamene'i Message to Khomeyni

NC020808 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0430 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Text] Following the brutal massacre of the pilgrims to the house of God and the Saudi police's bestial actions, President Khamene'i has sent a message to Imam Khomeyni. In this message he stated: I wish to offer my condolences to the great imam, (?may he live long),on the bloody incident in Mecca and the sacrilege of the holy precincts of the haven of the house of God, and on the massacre of the God-seeking men and women who answered the divine call. This unprecedented atrocity, which was planned by the U.S. regime and carried out by the filthy and disgraceful hands of their agents, undoubtedly stems from the malice and anger of oppression toward our revolutionary nation. It is clear evidence of their deep-rooted hatred of and intense animosity toward Islam, the Koran, and Islamic standards. This is the revenge they are taking for their humiliating defeats and the irrevocable blows which oppression has sustained at the hands of our nation and our revolution.

In any case, this revenge stems from the utter weakness and vulnerability of the oppressors' and reactonaries' faction in the face of the crushing and rancorous wave of revolutionary Islam and our living nation. The nation and the officials of the Islamic Republic consider this impotent act of the lackeys as falling in the same category as the criminal acts of oppression in the imposed war, in the Persian Gulf, and in other manifestations of their propaganda and political treachery.

Prime Minister's Statement

LD011136 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Statement issued by Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi on 1 August -- read by announcer]

[Text] In His exalted name. As the militant Iranian nation has been informed, the barbaric Saudi police with their attack on the demonstrations by Muslims in holy Mecca have martyred more than 200 Iranian and non-Iranian pilgrims and injured many more. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, expressing its extreme anger at this historic impudence on the part of U.S. hirelings, declares that those who have commited this grave crime will pay dearly for it. The horrendous Saudi crime in mercilessly massacring hajj pilgrims has astonished the world and grieved Islam.

In the secure sanctuary of God, where even the beast of the desert is immune, the blood of the pilgrims to the house of God has been shed because they were performing their religious duty and declaring their disavowal of infidels and opposition to the United States and Israel. From Him we come and to Him we shall return. [Koranic verse]

The hand stained with the blood of the pilgrims to the house of God yesterday was America's hand. The agents of this tragedy are too insignificant and too miserable to be solely responsible for such impudence or to be immune to the heavy price this act will exact. The martyrs of yesterday's incident were the dear victims sacrificed as followers of Abraham, peace be upon him, in the struggle against the great satan. The flowing of this dear blood will make the bloody hajj this year a turning point in the history of the Islamic world.

For those who struggle on the path of God there is no blessing greater than the rush to God's embrace in His house. For those who are subservient to foreigners there is no shame greater than to become the tool of the infidels' vindictiveness against the unprotected guests in the house of God. Never will those dear lives be less than costly to the great satan and its hirelings.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in retaliation for the blood shed by our country's lion-hearted men and women in the secure sanctuary of the house of God, will exploit all possibilities. While declaring tomorrow a holiday and 3 days of national public mourning, it calls upon the revolutionary nation to be ready to confront new plots.

[Signed] Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi

Montazeri Message to Khomeyni

LD011800 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1630 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] After the wounding and martyrdom of hundreds of Iranian pilgrims to the house of God at the hands of the Saudi Arabian agents during the march of the disavowal of the pagans, the following message was sent by Grand Ayatollah Montazeri to the Imam of the Ummah:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. To the leader of the revolution, grand Ayatollah Imam Khomeyni, may his shadow be extended. After greetings and felicitations, this time the criminal hand of bloodthirsty imperialism, international Zionism, and the enemies of Islam and Muslims has come out of the sleeve of the lackey and incapable Al-Sa'ud leaders, who are unjustly controlling the holy shrines. To compensate for their ridiculous defeats in Iran, the Persian Gulf, and Lebanon, they barbarically attacked the respected pilgrims to the house of God — these pilgrims who had nothing in mind but devotion and disavowal of the infidels, world-devourers of the West and East, and usurping Israel — in the secure shrine of the Lord in holy Mecca on Friday.

They bloodied thousands of the Lord's guests and broke the sanctity of the shrine, which belongs to all Muslims. While offering condolences for this immense calamity to his holiness, the Lord of the Era, may God bless him and all his scion, and to your excellency and to the families of the martyrs of this calamity, all faithful ulema and the world's Muslims, and while asking the Almighty for the highest honor for all the martyrs and for

the well-being of the wounded, it is now correct for all grand ulema and faithful figures of the Islamic world, not the lackey mullahs of criminal courts, to make a decisive move. In one coordinated move, they must wrest the holy shrines, the resting places of martyrs, the holy graves of the imams and of all the prophets of the Lord, and of the pure descendants of the Lord's messenger, from the control of the lackey and incapable Al-Sa'ud leaders and the unthinking and lackey mullahs. God willing, such a move will be the harbinger of the liberation of noble Jerusalem and the defeat of Zionism. May the Lord's peace and blessings be upon you.

[Signed] Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri, Qom, 1 August 1987

Montazeri Condemns Saudi Rulers

NC020856 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0430 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Excerpts] In the wake of the Saudi police's savage attack on the pilgrims to the house of God and the martyrs and wounded, and after participating in grand marches, a large group of ulema, scholars, and non-Iranian seminarians, including Saudi clergymen, met with His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri in Qom last night. [passage omitted on words of prophet]

His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri said: The present misfortune of the Muslims stems from the corrupt nature of the rulers and the sycophantic clerics, who carry out the crimes ordered by those tyrannical rulers. He added: One billion Muslims is a large number, and with the resources and abundant facilities present in Islamic lands, they constitute a major power. However, as long as the self-sold, servile, and obsequious leaders and their toady clerics remain in Islamic countries, the United States, which is used to devouring the world, will become more and more aggressive. Even now it boldly declares that it has interests in the Persian Gulf and considers the region its territory. [passage omitted]

His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri then stated that Saudi Arabia has vast oil reserves and abundant natural resources, but the wealth accrued from this is in U.S. banks and its income is being used to build Israel, the cancerous tumor. The Saudi rulers and shaykhs, as well as the diminutive shaykhs in Europe and the United States, are constructing golden palaces, while in some parts of Saudi Arabia people exist in impoverished conditions. Therefore, Muslims should think of ways to tackle the tyrannical rulers, as well as the implementors of their policies, that is, the pseudo-clerics. [passage omitted]

His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri referred to the destruction of Islamic sites by Saudi rulers, saying they profess to be the supporters of monotheism and the strugglers against apostasy, as well as the champions of Islam and Islamic tenets. This incident, though very heart-rending, will provide food for thought for the scholars and Muslims. It will lead to the liberation of the holy mosques from the hands of the criminals of Al Sa'ud. [passage omitted]

In conclusion, His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri prayed for the destruction of world oppression and their puppets, such as Saddam, for the complete victory of the Muslim combatants, and for the long life of the imam.

Foreign Ministry Statement

LD011214 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran has issued the following statement in connection with the Saudi Government's grave crime:

In the wake of the U.S. military aggression in the Persian Gulf and along with the Iraqi regime's aggressions and crimes against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the leader of the United States' hirelings in the region, in an impudent act and a premeditated conspiracy, has rolled in blood and dust the peaceful demonstrations staged by Iranian hajj pilgrims and non-Iranian Muslims. The savage attack by Saudi police against the massive gathering of Muslims and pilgrims to the house of God, which came exactly after the smashing of the great satan's credibility, in addition to clearly proving the Saudi rulers' hostility to Islam and to Muslims, also proves the incompetence and inability of these traitors to hold the great political and religious hajj rituals at the two noble sanctuaries.

It is appropriate for the Islamic ulema to make a serious decision regarding this important matter and oust the Saudi rulers from the twin noble sanctuaries. An attack on pilgrims to the house of God beside the safe haven of the house of God and in a place where any form of bloodshed or violence is forbidden, unmasks the cunning and two-faced edifice of the un-Islamic rulers ruling over Hijaz. It proves their involvement in causing the martyrdom of hundreds of Iranian Muslims on direct orders from the United States.

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while expressing congratulations and condolences to the martyr-nurturing and heroic Iranian nation, condemns the Saudi Government's grave crime. It regards it as being within the context of a range of crimes and aggressions by the United States against the Islamic ummah, in particular the Muslim Iranian people. It declares that the Muslim and heroic Iranian people have confronted other conspiracies hatched by the United States and its hirelings in the region. Therefore, this grave crime will not go unanswered either.

Tehran Reports U.S. Denial of Mecca Involvement

NC020637 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0624 GMT 2 Aug 87

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention. A few seconds ago we received the news that the U.S. State Department spokesman, in a statement, has categorically denied any direct U.S. participation in the disastrous bloody killing in Mecca. It may be recalled that the United States issued a similar denial following the bloody incident in Tehran on 17 Shahrivar in 1357 [8 September 1978].

Reportage on Demonstrations at Embassies in Tehran

Saudi Embassy Occupied

LD010618 Tehran IRNA in English 0616 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — Families of martyred Iranian hajj pilgrims occupied the Saudi Embassy in Tehran, Saturday morning. Minutes after Tehran radio it its Saturday mornings news disclosed the massacre of the Iranian hajj pilgrims in Mecca Friday, over 500 members of the families of the pilgrims took over the embassy setting afire the portraits of Saudi rulers Khalid and Fahd. They also grabbed embassy documents and portraits of Saudi rulers Khalid and Fahd [and] threw them down onto the street from the embassy rooftop.

At the same time the embassy was taken over, none of the Saudi diplomats were in the building, a demonstrator said.

The demonstrators chanted slogans such as 'Death to the Saudis and Saddam' expressing their hatred of brutal acts of the Saudi regime.

Police and committee members are trying to disperse the rapidly growing demonstrators while columns of other demonstrators on scooters chanting 'death to the U.S.' are rallying in the city streets.

At 08:45 hours local time (05:15 GMT) Saturday police pushed demonstrators out of the embassy premises. The demonstrators still chant slogans in condemnation of the Saudi Government outside of the embassy premises.

Crowd Heads for Staff Residence

LD010725 Tehran IRNA in English 0719 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — People of Tehran took to the streets Saturday in protest to the attack of Saudi police on Iranian hajj pilgrims in Mecca Friday which claimed the lives of a large number of Iranians. The angry demonstrators, among them families of the pilgrims, seized the embassy shortly after they heard the news of the massacre of Iranian pilgrims, but left the embassy building after an hour when police interferred.

Later, as news of the beating of Iranian pilgrims spread in Tehran people from the rooftops of adjacent buildings entered the Saudi Embassy and re-captured the building. A demonstrator on the rooftop of the embassy addressing bystanders in the street vowed they would take revenge of the blood of the Iranian pilgrims martyrd in Mecca Friday. Again with the interference of the police the demonstrators were dispersed and police took control over the building.

Later as demonstrators left the embassy area for the residence of the Saudi Embassy staffers, reinforcement troops were brought to the embassy compounds. But other demonstrators in front of the building broke the cordon and seal of the police and entered into the building, smashing its windows. A number of demonstrators were injured.

Students Issue Resolution

LD010812 Tehran IRNA in English 0808 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — Militant Muslim students who captured Saudi Embassy here three times Saturday morning installed placards on the embassy walls in condemnation of Saudis massacre of Iranian hajj pilgrims. They left embassy premises for the last time at 06:05 GMT.

A spokesman for the students read a resolution to demonstrators and bystanders urging the Iranian Government and Foreign Ministry to show an appropriate response to Saudi massacre of hajj pilgrims. The resolution stressed that acts of mischief of Kuwait, the U.S., Britain and France in the Persian Gulf should be put an end to.

After hearing the resolution, the militant Muslim students announced that they would not be held responsible for any future incident and delegated the duty of safeguarding the embassy to police and law enforcement forces. Columns of demonstrators left the area while chanting revolutionary slogans in condemnation of the Saudi regime.

'Angry' Group Retakes Saudi Embassy

LD010836 Tehran IRNA in English 0831 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — Angry demonstrators broke into the Saudi Embassy Saturday morning and set parked embassy vehicles afire immediately after a first group of demonstrators read a resolution in condemnation of the Saudis and left the area peacefully. The embassy fences as well as its ventilation ducts were shattered and its windows broken.

The demonstrators said to be close relatives of Iranian pilgrims in Mecca turned over three parked vehicles inside the embassy premises.

Kuwaiti Embassy Taken Over

LD010802 Tehran IRNA in English 0757 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — Angry demonstrators in Tehran took over Kuwaiti Embassy Saturday and set afire most of the embassy property and documents.

An hour after the seizure of the Saudi Embassy in Tehran, a large group of angry demonstrators took over Kuwaiti Embassy before disciplinary forces could reach the place. The embassy is now under the occupation of the demonstrators who told IRNA that Kuwait is a Saudi accomplice.

The staff of the Kuwaiti Embassy who seemed to have predicted the incident, had evacuated the embassy. Heavy damage was also inflicted on the embassy property.

Disciplinary forces are trying to hold control of the situation and drive out the demonstrators from the embassy.

Group Heads for French Embassy

LD011007 Tehran IRNA in English 1000 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — Angry demonstrators in Tehran who seized the Kuwaiti Embassy Saturday, said they found maps of Iran and Iraq containing top secret military information. They said the maps together with other documents at the embassy revealed espionage operations of the Kuwaiti Embassy for the Baghdad regime. The demonstrators also seized portraits of the toppled shah at the embassy building which they burnt at the embassy yard.

Police and committee members managed to drive out a number of angry demonstrators from the embassy but others continued to remain defying evacuation orders.

Later one group of demonstrators headed for the Foreign Ministry and another for the French Embassy here.

Demonstrators Enter French Embassy

LD011406 Tehran IRNA in English 1401 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — A group of angry people burst into the French Embassy in Tehran at noon Saturday and pulled down the French flag to demonstrate their hatred of the French Government for its support of the reactionary Arab governments.

Waves of demonstrators had earlier attacked the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti Embassies here this morning.

Attempt on Iraqi Embassy Foiled

LD011626 Tehran IRNA in English 1623 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — The Iraqi Embassy in Tehran was attacked by demonstrators at 09:30 hours GMT today in protest to the recent crime of puppet Saudi regime in martyring and wounding thousands of Iranian hajj pilgrims in Mecca. While throwing stones at the embassy building, the demonstrators attempted to enter the embassy and take it over, but disciplinary forces prevented them from doing so. Disciplinary forces totally dispersed the demonstrators from around the Iraqi Embassy at 12:00 GMT.

Saudi police martyred and wounded thousands of marchers in Mecca Friday turning a peaceful 'unity rally' into a mass carnage.

Hezbollahi Asked To Bomb All Saudi Embassies

LD011919 Tehran International Service in Persian 1830 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Feature program: "The Familiar Voice"]

[Text] We had prepared a report for you on the camp annually set up for Iranian students abroad. However, to mourn our dear ones who died abroad on the order of the arch-satan, we mingled with our kind and ever alert people. Please pay attention.

[Begin recording] [Unidentified reporter] Sir, what do you have to say?

[Unidentified respondent] By its action, Saudi Arabia has endangered itself throughout the world. Our Hezbollahi brethren in Lebanon will, God willing, bomb all Saudi embassies in the world, thus punishing the Saudis for their action and also demonstrating that the Hezbollahi ummah, the Hezbollahi army, is united all over the world. [end recording]

USSR's Vorontsov Arrives at Head of Delegation 2 Aug

NC030527 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuliy Vorontsov arrived in Tehran last night at the head of a delegation and was welcomed by the deputy foreign minister. This visit is taking place at the invitation of our Foreign Ministry and is in continuation of the Iranian-Soviet talks that were held in Moscow and Geneva. Mr Vorontsov is to hold discussions with our officials on bilateral relations.

Meets Velayati, Besharati

LD031624 Tehran IRNA in English 1600 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 3, IRNA — Visiting Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuliy Vorontsov met with Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati here today and expressed condolences on behalf of the Soviet Government over the massacre of Iranian pilgrims in Mecca. "We follow the Mecca incident but such murders and massacres are shocking to our imagination," he added.

In the meeting, Vorontsov also referred to violation of Article Five of the recently-approved Security Council resolution by the U.S. and said his country protested presence of the U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf.

Foreign Minister Velayati said at the meeting that victims of the Saudi-committed massacre in Mecca were mostly women, disabled and elderly people who were peacefully walking in a rally. This carnage was undoubtedly carried out in coordination with Washington in a vain bid to compensate for the U.S. defeats, said Velayati, noting that "We will give a tooth-crushing response to the crime."

On current situation in the Persian Gulf, Velayati said Iran will strongly counter any U.S. move in the region and that "The U.S. has already tried the Iranian nation's firm will in facing aggression."

On the Baghdad ruler's destiny, Velayati said that there is no way our except downfall of the Iraqi regime, adding that the security council resolution cannot change Saddam's fate.

Furthermore, in the meeting the two sides discussed the building of oil pipelines, expansion of cooperation in the areas of power and steel, oil refining, preliminary progress in joint shipping in the Caspian Sea, plans to build a railroad linking Soviet border with the Persian Gulf as well as future visit of the Soviet Foreign

Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to Iran.

Vorontsov, who arrived here today, also met with acting Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati and Deputy Foreign Minister for International and Economic Affairs Mohammad Javad Larijani.

Combat Operations in War With Iraq Continue

Communique No 2,914

LD311715 Tehran IRNA in English 1655 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Tehran, July 31, IRNA — Iraqi troops sustained heavy casualties and damage in three aborted attempts to take height 670 in Maymak operational theatre from 05:30 GMT to 13:45 GMT Thursday, and lost a considerable amount of military equipment to Muslim combatants, said a military communique here Friday.

Communique number 2914 of the Joint Staff Command said that an Iraqi brigade was shelled and disarrayed in Maymak sustaining exceptionally high casualties. Iraqi battalion commander identified as Colonel Salah Nayrafi was among those killed.

The Iranian Muslim combatants inflicted substantial casualties and damage on Iraqi forces, subjecting enemy supply columns to their heavy fire in Hajj 'Umran, Sayyid Sadiq, Sardasht and Panjwin operational scenes, said the communique.

In southern fronts, the communique said, Iran's gendarmerie forces killed over 10 Iraqi soldiers Thursday, destroying at least 20 gun emplacements, two anti-aircraft positions as well as some light and heavy vehicles of theirs.

Iranian naval forces intercepted and searched eight foreign cargo ships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz yesterday but allowed them to proceed since they had no Iraq-bound cargo aboard, concluded the communique.

Communique No 2,915

LD011653 Tehran IRNA in English 1630 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 1, IRNA — At least 200 Iraqi soldiers, including several officers and NCOs, were killed or wounded in Maymak operational theater, Western fronts, early Friday when Iranian Muslim forces smashed two Iraqi counter-offensives backed by helicopter gunships to retake heights number 670.

Announcing the above, the 2915th joint staff communique reported here Saturday that six Iraqi vehicles, one tank and several munitions dumps were also destroyed in the crushed counterassaults. Iranian jet fighters heavily bombed Iraqi troop concentration sites over Maymak heights seven times this morning, inflicting substantial casualties and losses on the enemy forces and returning safely to bases.

Iran's Navy gunboats intercepted and searched 15 cargo ships and oil tankers in the Hormuz Strait Friday but allowed them to continue voyage after being satisfied they were not carrying cargo for Iraq.

A number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and several enemy gun emplacements and four vehicles destroyed in the southern and northwestern fronts in artillery duels with Iranian Muslim combatants yesterday. The artillery fire of Iran's Muslim forces inflicted heavy losses on Iraqi armoured and motorized units in Qasr-e Shirin, Maymak, Mehran and Helaleh yesterday.

Iranian gendarmerie forces shelled Iraqi positions in parts of the battlefields Friday, killing or wounding several enemy soldiers and destroying 10 gun emplacements of theirs.

An Iraqi patrol convoy, attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Sumar theater, Western fronts, yesterday was forced to flee by Iranian artillery fire, the communique concluded.

'Nasr-6' Operation Launched

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[Unscheduled announcement]

[Excerpt] Dear listeners, please pay attention. According to reports reaching us from the western theater of operations, the brave men of the ground forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the final courses of purging operations of the west of the country from the filth of the presence of the infidel Saddamists, began the "Nasr-6" operations last night in the Maymak theater of operations.

Having crushed units of the Ba'thist Iraqi enemy, they have now been stationed along all the strategic and sensitive heights of the region and have capably strengthened their positions.

In the course of these operations, a considerable amount of damage and casualties has been inflicted on the Ba'thist army. [passage omitted — Koranic verses]

Iraqi Counterattacks Defeated

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[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] The heights in the Maymak operational region, the nearest point to Baghdad and between Mandali and Badrah of Iraq, are of such importance that the Zionist enemy has been repeatedly attempting offensive operations. However, at every attempt the enemy has suffered heavy losses and been forced to retreat. An operational commander in this connection stated:

The Zionist enemy, attempting its last operation, deployed 14 infantry, armored, and commando brigades of its II Army Corps in this region, trying to gain access of key heights in the Maymak region, but was forced to retreat, having suffered heavy losses.

MP Assassinated; Police Suspect Link With Accord

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[Text] Colombo, July 31 (AFP) — Gunmen killed a Sinhalese member of Sri Lanka's Parliament Friday [1 August] and wounded his teenaged son, one day after India and Sri Lanka signed a controversial accord to end four years of communal violence, police said. The victim, Jainadasa Weerasinha, in his mid-50's, belonged to President Junius Jayewardene's ruling United National Party (UNP).

Police said Mr. Weerasinha and his son were travelling from Colombo to his constituency in Tangalee, on Sri Lanka's southern coast, when unidentified assailants opened fire with machine guns at a remote village 170 miles (280 kilometers) from the capital. Mr. Weerasinha died on the spot, they said. An investigation was launched. But police suspected a link with Sinhalese outrage with Thursday's accord.

Many Sinhalese — who make up the majority of Sri Lanka's 16.6 million people — see the deal as a sell-out to minority Tamils. Violence sparked by the accord have claimed 50-odds lives. The peace treaty calls for Tamil guerrillas to lay down their arms in a ceasefire scheduled to start Friday. In return Tamils will be given wide autonomous powers in the country's north and east.

MP's Given Police Powers

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[Text] Several members of Parliament belonging to Matale and Hambantota Districts met President Jayewardene at the Presidential Palace yesterday [31 August] and informed him of the security situation in their respective areas. One member of Parliament has been killed by the Janata Vimukthi Peramuna [People's Liberation Front]. Many of them have had their homes razed, while property belonging to their supporters and public property have also been destroyed.

After discussing ways to maintain law and order, President Jayewardene decided to appoint all members of Parliament willing to assist in maintaining law and order in their respective constituencies reserve superintendents of police. They will enjoy all the powers and responsibilities of a general police superintendent. They will also enjoy the support of other security services and all government employees. Beginning today, they are allowed to carry arms and can call members of the police reserve and home guards to duty.

Effective today, the president has also appointed coordinating officers for 12 districts under State of Emergency Regulation No 7 of 1987. Coordinating officers have been appointed for Kalutara, Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Badulla, Nurawa Eliya, Matale, Kurunegala, Gampaha, Kandy, and Kegalla.

Meanwhile, the Buddhist clergy has appealed to all citizens to refrain from damaging public property, from violent activities, and to instead maintain law and order. In a statement concerning the nation's current status, the Venerable Sirimalwatte Ananda Thera of the Malwatte Chapter and the Venerable Palipane Chandananda Thera of the Asgiriya Chapter declared that the destruction caused to public property will result in people's suffering. The Buddhist monks stated there is no difference between government property and public property, since both are the property of the people. It is, therefore, the duty of the people — whether Buddhist or non-Buddhist — not to engage in violent activities. The venerable monk of the Vajirarama Buddhist Monastery, Yadasya Thera, appealed to the people not to be inciteful and spread rumors. We should spread the message for strengthening peace and unity. The venerable monk observed that destroying government property will result in the suffering of the common masses.

President Jayewardene Addresses Nation on Accord

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[Text] President J.R. Jayewardene has expressed deep regret over the insult offered to the Indian prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, at a departure ceremony outside the Janadhipathi Mandiraya [president's house] last moment. He apologized to the Indian prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, their two children, and the government and the people of India.

In an address to the nation, Mr Jayewardene said that the Sri Lankan Government and people joined him in expressing regret over the incident.

Explaining the historical significance of the visit of the Indian premier as a state guest of Sri Lanka, Mr Jayewardene pointed out that the peace accord signed by the two countries includes several proposals aimed at ending violence in the north and east and restoring peace. Once these are implemented, democracy will be established in these areas.

President Jayewardene assured the people that it will not take long to end the war. By Monday the terrorists would have handed over all their arms and ammunition to the government. This process will take place with the assistance of the Indian Army, who are already in Jaffna for the purpose. Speaking further, Mr Jayewardene said that the terrorists will have to ask for pardon from the government. This is one of the conditions of the agreement. If they do not do so, legal action will be taken against them. He noted that if the terrorists reject violence and act in a democratic way, he is prepared to forgive them.

Explaining in detail the proposal which provides for the setting up of a single provincial council for the north and the east, Mr Jayewardene said that if the citizens of the Eastern Province do not wish to remain united with the north, they could decide for themselves at a referendum to be held a year after the proposal council he has estalished. This referendum will be held before December 1988.

The president stated that the large sums of money spent for defense could be diverted to various development projects once the war in the north and east is ended. This will benefit the citizens of this country. The government will be able to consider an increase in salary and provide other benefits.

Referring to the southern terrorists, President Jayewardene said that the violent campaign carried out over the past few days is aimed at preventing the implementation of the peace accord. He called on those involved to give up such action and help in the efforts to build up the country.

Mr Jayewardene disclosed that India has signed and agreed to release the Kapilavastu relics for exposition here. He said India may consider handing over the relics to Sri Lanka permanently.

Prime Minister R. Premadasa has expressed concern and sincere regret at the untoward incident that took place at the departure ceremony in honor of the prime minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi. He condemned this high-handed act as disgraceful and cowardly. What [is] the purpose in causing harm to life and property? Will it not amount to a heinous crime and a lasting discredit to one's own self and our motherland? Wouldn't we, who condemn terrorism, be contradicting ourselves by resorting to violent expression of our feelings?

Mr Premadasa said there is ample provision in our democratic system of government to make views known on any matter whatsoever. Therefore, the prime minister calls on everyone to eschew all acts of violence and remain peaceful.

LTTE, EROS Oppose Surrendering Weapons

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[Text] New Delhi, July 31 (AFP) — Sri Lanka's dominant Tamil separatist group Friday strongly criticized the peace accord signed by New Delhi and Colombo Wednesday [29 July] to end the island's ethnic strife, but stopped short of rejecting it.

Agreement was reached without consulting the island's Tamils and with the intention of "imposing" the plan on them, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said in a statement released in Madras, southern India.

"But we are not saying we are opposing the accord," LTTE spokesman Nateshan said in a telephone interview with *Agence France-Presse* [AFP].

The LTTE reiterated it would not surrender its weapons to the Indian peacekeeping force in Sri Lanka, as stipualted in the accord, until its chief Velupillai Prabhakaran returned from New Delhi to Sri Lanka.

Another of the six militant Tamil groups, the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students (EROS), also said Friday its fighters would not surrender their weapons "at this juncture."

Mr Nateshan said Mr Prabhakaran was being prevented from getting in touch with his regional military commanders in Sri Lanka. Mr Prabhakaran and other LTTE leaders have been staying under tight security in the government-run Ashok Hotel here while holding talks on the accord with Indian officials.

Journalists have been prevented from meeting them.

But Mr Gandhi denied Thursday that Mr Prabhakaran was in detention.

The accord is aimed at ending the Tamil separatist campaign that has claimed more than 6,000 lives since mid-1983. It calls on Tamil separatists to surrender their weapons and Sri Lankan troops to return to barracks in the Jaffna Peninsula within 72 hours of a ceasefire that goes into effect Friday.

The LTTE said the Sri Lankan Tamils' faith in India had been shaken, but added: "We are not opposed to Rajiv Gandhi or the Indian people".

EROS Leader Velupillai Balakumar told AFP from Madras that his small Marxist group would not lay down its arms "at this juncture" and a surrender would be possible only after the peace accord was ratified by the Sri Lankan Parliament.

EROS has welcomed the accord, but would only surrender its weapons to "a neutral agency," he said, without being specific.

Four smaller militant separatist groups have welcomed the peace accord, while expressing reservations. But they too have not clarified their stance on an arms surrender.

The four are the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization, the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam and the Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front.

LTTE To Observe Cease-Fire, Await Leader's Return

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[Text] New Delhi, Aug 1 (AFP) — The dominant Sri Lankan Tamil separatist group said here Saturday [1 August] it would observe a day-old ceasefire in the island, but reiterated that it would not lay down its arms until its leader was returned to his Jaffna base.

In the first statement by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) indicating that it would observe the ceasefire begun Friday, an LTTE spokesman told *Agence France-Presse*: "We don't want to fight the Indian Army. They are there to protect us (Tamils), not to oppress us."

"They are there to keep peace, as a peacekeeping force," spokesman Yogi added.

Indian troops were sent to the Tamil-dominated northern Jaffna Peninsula to help ensure an arms surrender within 72 hours from the start of the ceasefire, part of an Indo-Sri Lankan peace agreement to end the separatist conflict.

But they have so far been rebuffed by LTTE supporters, according to correspondents on the scene, who say not one Tamil militant has yet laid down his arms.

The LTTE has repeatedly said it will not surrender arms until the return of Velupillai Prabhakaran, the LTTE leader who has

been in New Delhi since July 24 for talks over the fragile peace agreement with Indian Government officials.

Asked if LTTE guerrillas would fire at Indian Army soldiers if they were forced to surrender arms, Mr. Yogi said: "I don't think so."

But he reiterated there was no question of LTTE cadres surrendering arms until Mr. Prabahakaran was returned to the northern Jaffna Peninsula.

"It is necessary for Prabhakaran to be there (in Jaffna) because he has to talk to our cadres, to explain to them what is happening. We have requested the Indian Government to transport him back to Jaffna, we hope they will do it by tomorrow (Sunday)," Mr. Yogi said.

He said LTTE leaders hoped to meet Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi here late Saturday to arrive at a "mutual understanding", but refused to give details.

He said the LTTE was still reconsidering its initial rejection of the accord Mr. Gandhi signed with Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene in Colombo Wednesday [29 July] to end the four-year old separatist conflict.

"This is not a simple issue that can be solved in a day or two, there are too many implications and too many complications," he said.

He said Mr. Prabahakaran had to be brought to Jaffna for consultations with his cadres before the group could make a final decision regarding the peace accord.

LTTE Leader Returns From India

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[Excerpt] Colombo, Aug 2 (AFP) — The leader of Sri Lanka's most powerful Tamil group was flown back to his [word indistinct] for surrender of rebel weapons under an Indo-Sri Lankan accord was flexible.

Velupillai Prabhakran, 33, chief of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), returned to Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna Peninsula aboard an Indian Air Force aircraft from Madras, southern India, officials sources here said.

The sources could not say where exactly on the Tamil-controlled peninsula Mr Prabhakaran had been taken. The LTTE leader was flown to India 10 days ago for talks with Indian officials on the agreement signed Wednesday by Indian Premier Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene.

Mr Prabhakaran told a top Indian Tamil politician before leaving Madras that he would take a decision on laying down arms after consulting his military commanders in Jaffna, the LTTE's stronghold, Tamil sources in Madras said.

However the Tamil sources added that the LTTE appeared to have come to a last-minute agreement with the Indian authorities to lay down arms in exchange for Mr Prabhakaran becoming interim chief minister in Sri Lanka's north and east, which are to be merged into a single unit under the accord.

There was no official confirmation of the reported agreement either in Colombo or the Indian capital. [passage omitted]

AFP Claims Arms Surrender Deadline Extended

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[Excerpt] Colombo, Aug 3 (AFP) — The deadline for Tamil rebels to hand over their weapons under an Indo-Sri Lankan peace pact has been extended by three days, sources close to the Sri Lankan president said here Monday.

The guerrillas were due to hand over their guns to Indian peace-keeping troops in the north by 3:30 p.m. (100 GMT) Monday under the agreement, but had failed to do so, military officials said.

The sources said Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who has brokered the pact with the Tamil miliants, had requested a three-day extension from President Junius Jayewardene.

Mr Jayewardene had agreed, they added.

The Indian and Sri Lankan leaders signed the pact here Wednesday. [passage omitted]

Gandhi Assailant Said Linked to Outlawed JVP Party

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["OANA/pool" item]

[Excerpt] Colombo, August 02 (*Lanka Puwath*) — The Criminal Investigation Department of the Sri Lanka Police (CID) suspects that the sailor who assaulted Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during a farewell ceremonial parade in Colombo last Thursday was a member of the proscribed political party, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) or had deep links with it.

Police further told *Lanka Puwath* that detectives were today visiting the home of the sailor who hit the Indian leader with a rifle butt when he was inspecting a naval guard of honour opposite Janadipathi Mandiraya just before his departure for New Delhi after signing the peace accord to end the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.

The ssailant was pushed off balance by Naval Commander Rear Admiral HA Silva, as he aimed the blow at Mr Gandhi and later overpowered by naval and security officials.

Detectives are also investigating as to whether the assault on the Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was part of a larger JVP conspiracy to destabilise the democratically elected Government of Sri Lanka through violence. [passage omitted]